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"Advancing With Christ"

BY DR. SLATER A. MURPHY

(Editor's Note: Slater A. Murphy, a native of Alabama, is pastor of the Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. Below is given a condensation of the sermon which he prepared for delivery at the Southern Baptist Convention on Wednesday morning June 2.)

Mr. President, Beloved Baptists and Friends. In the language of Paul, "I beseech you therefore, brethren—as I bring you God's message—that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me."

Our program committee selected the general theme, "Forward—in Christ Jesus," and I have taken for our meditation a kindred thought, "Advancing with Christ."

The word, advance, has been on the minds of many of our great leaders over the years.

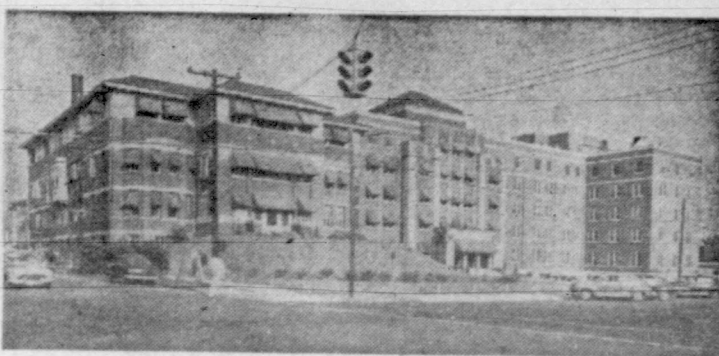
Dr. Truett said, "... I do know that the key word of Christianity is expansion or advancement."

Dr. Porter Routh speaks thus: "It is of tremendous importance, then, as we plan an advance that we enlist more people in Bible study." Right you are, Brother Routh—"A Million More in '54 Enrolled in Sunday School"—and these won't to Christ and taught how to live Christ.

I Samuel 12:6 reads: "And Samuel said unto the people it is the Lord that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt." Yes, IT IS THE LORD. It was then and it is now.

Now you are ready to hear our text, Luke 24:46-48: "And he said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, (Continued on Page Four)

Convention Board Ok's Million Dollar Drive For Baptist Hospital



The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in a special called session Tuesday afternoon, gave approval to a recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital that a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for that institution be launched immediately.

Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany, Convention Board president, who presided, said that the Board's action gave authority to the hospital trustees to act until the Mississippi Baptist Convention meets in November at which time the matter will be presented. He pointed out that the State Convention Board acts for the Convention between sessions.

The Convention Board meeting followed a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, presided over by Dr. C. Simmons, Jackson, president, at which time final plans for the recommendation were completed.

The \$1,000,000 would go toward completion of the new Simmons' Addition, for new facilities for Negro patients, for building and equipping a laundry, for modernizing older part of hospital and for purchase of X-ray and laboratory equipment.

The Board also voted to send its executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, to the Baptist World Alliance which will meet in London in the summer of 1955.

The Board set up the figure of \$2500 with the suggestion that the churches or individuals over the (Continued on Page Two)

London's Miracle Of Grace

By DR. J. D. GREY

"This has been the greatest spiritual awakening Great Britain has ever experienced," said a distinguished editor of one of England's greatest news magazines in referring to the three months' Billy Graham Crusade for Greater London which closed May 22.

At Dr. Graham's invitation, I spent ten days in London for the close of the Crusade. I saw and felt the mighty movings of this great miracle of grace. Harringay Arena, seating 12,500 was filled to overflowing every night save three during the twelve weeks. The climax in attendance came on the closing day, May 22, when White City Stadium had 68,000 present for a service at three o'clock and

Wembley Stadium 120,000 at six o'clock.

Night after night I saw hundreds of "coach parties" coming from all over Britain to fill the Arena. The overflow listened to the services over a public address system set up in a stadium next door. In addition, during the last half of the Crusade, the services were "relayed" by telephone line to auditoriums all over Britain. On one night, 44 such auditoriums were used to accommodate an attendance of 70,000 people. Hundreds of conversions were had even in those "relay" services.

Britain was ripe for revival! Church attendance had dropped to just ten percent of the population. (Continued on Page Two)

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES HOLD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

256 GRADUATE AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Speaking before 256 candidates for degrees from Mississippi College Monday evening, President Ben Hilbun of Mississippi State College charged the graduates with the responsibility of great opportunity for service.

Awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Dr. Hilbun replaced Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., son of the Baptist college president, as commencement speaker. Dr. Nelson was hospitalized late Saturday with an unknown ailment.

Following the address by Dr. Hilbun, the awarding of degrees to 248 candidates for the bachelor's degree was made, with 12 candidates for the Master of Arts degree.

Miss Danna Louise Stone of Gulfport was named valedictorian for 1954. Transfer students Walton M. Caughman of Magee and Miss Walterine Herrington of Union shared jointly the rank of highest standing for junior college transfers. The annual commencement exercises closed the one hundred twenty-eighth session and the twenty second under the guidance of President Nelson.

GOV. WHITE SPEAKS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

Blue Mountain, Miss. May 29—The 81st annual baccalaureate address of Blue Mountain College was given today by Governor Hugh White, when 58 candidates for degrees were presented. The college (Continued on Page Two)

Religious Liberty In Colombia

Editor's Note: As Baptists and Protestants are in the majority in the United States, it would be just as fair for the Catholics in this land to be under the same restrictions as Baptists are in Colombia. We do not advocate this but mention it to show how much better they are treated here by us than we are there by them.

News releases from Colombia, South America, continue to unfold a program of religious oppression. A new order, dated January 28, 1954, puts Protestantism under new curbs throughout the nation. Previous restricting orders had been issued September 3 and October 24, 1953.

Alarmed by the vigorous growth of Protestant Christianity (51 percent increase in membership from 1948 to 1953), Colombia's pro-clerical government has acted to tighten

the restrictions already imposed upon its small religious minority. By means of Circular 310, issued January 28, this year, the Minister of Government, Lucio Pabon Nunez, announced the following official position:

1. Protestant Colombians and foreigners are forbidden to make any public manifestation of their religious faith outside of Churches and Chapels set apart for that purpose;

2. As a further restriction, Colombia Protestants in the "Mission Territories" (% of the area of the nation) are expressly denied the right to have schools for the education of their children; and,

3. Protestants in Colombia may not engage in any activity which might attract others to their faith.

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Family Night—After Two Years

By DR. JAMES S. DAY, JR., Pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Two years ago this month we began Family Night at Calvary. One year ago this week I spoke to the Pastor's Conference preceding the Houston Convention on the topic "Our Family Night Prayer Service—How Our Midweek Service Coordinates All Church Activities". Since then I have received many requests for additional information from pastors all over the Southern Baptist Convention. In February the editor of one of our State Baptist papers, who is very much interested in our plan, asked me the question, "Does Family Night still work?" Now at the end of two successful years, I can reply enthusiastically, "Yes, it does work!"

In a church with a resident membership of less than 1,000 we averaged 255, or 26 percent in April, in spite of bad weather on three Wednesday nights. During April we we established a record average monthly attendance at both Sunday School and all worship services. Our offerings, especially for missions, are the largest in the church's history. We are retiring on July 4th a \$45,000 church debt on a five story educational building, in two and one-half years instead of ten.

Yes, it does work! But not without "work"! During April twelve important meetings, which formerly would have taken twelve separate nights, required only four, thus leaving eight free nights for soul winning visitation on Tuesday and for the family to be at home together. We have found the attendance to be better when we serve

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Korean Baptists Open Seminary

The Korean Baptist Seminary was opened April 3 at Taejon with an enrolment of 140 students and 12 faculty members.

Dr. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary, is president of the school; and among the faculty members are Rev. and Mrs. Theodore H. Dowell and Rev. and Mrs. Daniel B. Ray, also missionaries.

Dr. John E. Choe, who spent several years in America studying at Princeton Seminary where he majored in the Semitic languages, is dean of the school. Dr. Choe became a Baptist from conviction two years ago. "We feel God gave him to us for just such a time and task as this," wrote Dr. Abernathy.

Convention Board OK's

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state that wanted to, could make contributions to the fund.

The Convention Board would make up the difference between the amount contributed and the \$25500. Those making contributions are urged to send them to the Convention Board office, designated for that purpose.

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Mississippi Baptist

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conferred its first honorary degree on Dr. Susan B. Riley when President Lawrence T. Lowrey presented her the degree of Doctor of Letters.

The program opened with an organ procession by Miss Marian Feldmann. Rev. Robert Woody, Blue Mountain, gave the invocation after which Miss Martha Maer, Temuco, Chile, played an organ solo.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey then introduced Governor White. After the Governor's address, Dean Walter F. Taylor presented the candidates for degrees. President Lawrence T. Lowrey conferred the degrees.

THIRTEEN GRADUATE AT WILLIAM CAREY

Thirteen young women received diplomas at the first graduation exercises held at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Monday evening May 24.

The college was formerly Mississippi Woman's College and was given its new name only recently. The diplomas were conferred on the graduates by Dr. I. E. Rouse, president.

The principal speaker was J. B. Young, president of Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, and a member of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday evening preceding by Rev. Brooks Wester, pastor First Church, Brookhaven.

Special music was rendered by the college concert choir under direction of Ben Johnston, director, and Miss Mary Jean Wooley, accompanist.

There were 13 graduates.

65 Graduate At Clarke

One of the largest audiences to ever hear a graduation speaker at Clarke Memorial College heard on May 26 Hon. J. Wesley Miller, a prominent Delta attorney and layman of Rolling Fork, tell a class of 65 that, "There are choices within a choice. Among them are: Chosen the ground to fight on; choose the altar of your sacrifice." The presentation of awards was made by Dr. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., a Clarke faculty member.

The L. G. White, Sr. awards for excellency in public speaking were granted to Anis Shorosh of Ajlun, Jordan, and Betty Deaton, Thomasville, Alabama. Joyce Ann Condy of Carthage received the athletic award which was due her in 1952 but was delayed because of her illness.

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Mr. E. M. Keebler, Vice-President of Clarke College at Newton, has accepted the pastorate of the Norman Park Church in Georgia and will also teach Bible at the Norman College.

H. H. AULTMAN TO LEAD CHARLESTON REVIVAL

REV. HOWARD AULTMAN

Shown above is Rev. Howard H. Aultman, pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Miss. who will be the evangelist in a series of evangelistic services at the First Church, Charleston, during the week of June 21 through the 27th. Billy S. Hilbun, formerly of Mississippi and now music and educational director of the Highland Church, Shreveport, La. will lead the music for this meeting. Plans are being made for homecoming and dinner on the grounds the closing day of the revival. Dr. Landrum P. Leavell is pastor.

Religious Liberty

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With the promulgation of the new order, the government of Lt. Gen. Rojas Pinilla has moved to an extreme anti-Protestant position far beyond that of arch-Conservative, ex-President Laureano Gomez. The new limitations on the freedom of Protestants in Colombia contravene the principles of religious liberty maintained by most governments outside the territories under Communist rule.

Catholic Church Approves Curbs. Liberal-minded Colombians who expected that the Roman Catholic Church would be the first to protect the government's un-Christian denial of religious liberty are surprised to find the hierarchy applauding the move and cooperating wholeheartedly in the program to suppress the Protestant Church.

Immediately after the government issued its new order, Cardinal Luque, Archbishop of Bogota, publicly expressed "the complete conformity of the ecclesiastical hierarchy of Colombia with the Circular 310, relating to the practice, and propagation of non-Catholic religions." The order proscribing Protestantism, and the cardinal, was "an immense benefit to the nation."

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. M. L. Douglas Wesson; Rev. J. Harold Jones, Vicksburg; Dr. J. A. Taylor, Brookhaven; Mrs. Herbert Alford, Holmesville; Sharon Alford, Holmesville; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Darden, Sylacauga, Alabama; W. H. Quarles, Haleyville, Alabama; Mrs. J. G. Key, Troy, Alabama; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Yeatman, Louisville; Joyce Yeatman, Louisville; Gene Yeatman, Louisville; Daniel Yeatman, Louisville.

Hickory Grove Church Holds Homecoming Day

Hickory Grove Church in Lauderdale County will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 6th.

The speaker at the morning service will be Rev. O. M. Rasberry. Dinner is to be served on the grounds.

Rev. C. O. Lindsey will bring the afternoon message.

Rev. J. L. Rasberry is the pastor.

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Frank Childress Ordained

Frank Childress of Minter City was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Mt. Vernon Church of Leflore County. Rev. H. P. Hollingsworth is the pastor.

Among those composing the council and having parts on the ordaining program were: Rev. Grady Goodman, Rev. H. P. Hollingsworth, Rev. L. E. Moon, Rev. James Faundran, Rev. F. L. Warren, and Rev. Judson Glenn.

A Bible, a gift from the church, was presented to Mr. Childress by Rev. Grady Goodman.

Mr. Childress has accepted the call of the Half Mile Church in Leflore County. He is serving half-time.

London's Miracle

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In London, the world's largest city, it had dropped to five percent; and of those attending, only one out of ten were men. Not only attendance but financing churches had become a grave problem. I heard ministers of all faiths say that during the Crusade the churches were again packed and offerings had increased tenfold in some cases.

Total attendance at Harringay by actual count reached 1,500,000 plus another estimated half million who attended services outside Harringay. 30,000 decisions for Christ—most of them profession of faith—were recorded in the services in the Arena.

Converts came from every strata of society. Night after night those going forward included Lords and Ladies, members of Parliament, members of the Queen's household, hack drivers, factory workers, street cleaners, students, young people, adults, men and women. Among public testimonies I heard was one by a wealthy industrialist, a brilliant man, and graduate of Cambridge. This man discussed with me how he and other laymen could be used to revitalize their own church.

The 30,000 making decisions for Christ are being channeled through the churches. Dr. Graham made it crystal clear that they were leaving no organization for converts behind—that they were not going to establish a "little Billy Graham denomination." However, the local committee will follow through to see that every convert is integrated into the life of a local church.

The London Crusade was supported by the organized prayer effort of Christians around the world. Dr. Graham preached earnestly with a sense of urgency and "with a transparent simplicity."

Dr. Graham is to lead a similar Crusade in Nashville in August and in New Orleans in October of this year.

Robert Woody Accepts Poplar Springs Church

REV. ROBERT WOODY

Rev. Robert Woody, pastor for nearly four years of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, has resigned that position to become pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian.

Mr. Woody will assume his new duties June 16 and he will succeed Dr. David Q. Byrd who resigned several months ago to become pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, Tenn.

The work at Blue Mountain has grown steadily under his leadership. A \$60,000 educational building has been one of the features of the march of progress.

Mr. Woody has been active in denominational affairs and was formerly associate pastor of First Church, Baton Rouge Louisiana.

Previous to that he was R. A. Secretary of Alabama. He is a native of Alabama, a graduate of Howard College and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Woody is the former Jean Yates of Houston, Texas and a daughter of Dr. Kyle Yates, pastor of the Second Church, Houston, Texas. They have two small daughters.

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Longview, Oktibbeha Co. Observes Homecoming

Longview Church in Oktibbeha County will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 6. There will be morning and afternoon services with lunch served on the grounds.

The special offering to be taken will be applied to the church building fund.

Rev. James Pugh is the pastor

Family Night—

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supper and when we have some special visual feature or outside speaker. Family Night does not work by itself. Nor will it work if superimposed upon an already heavily organized, complex, unit promotional structure. Family Night must "correlate"—we have three regular meetings each Wednesday night. Our people prefer to come as a family and stay a bit longer on one night than to come on three times as many nights. Following is our monthly plan for Family Night:

Wednesday After First Sunday:

1. Training Union Workers' Council Supper at 6 p.m.

2. Family Night Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.

3. Deacons' meeting after Family Night Prayer Service.

Wednesday After Second Sunday:

1. Brotherhood and W.M.U. Executive Committee meetings at 6:30 p.m.

2. Monthly Business Conference of church and Family Night Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pastor's Cabinet after Family Night Prayer Service

Wednesday After Third Sunday:

1. "MISSIONS NIGHT" with W. M.S. Program and Business Meeting, Junior and Senior Brotherhood and all auxiliaries, meeting at 6 p.m. with supper.

2. Family Night Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.

3. Sunday School Superintendent's Cabinet meeting after Family Night Prayer Service.

Wednesday After Fourth (Or Last) Sunday:

1. Sunday School Workers' Council Supper at 6 p.m.

2. Family Night Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.

3. Training Union Executive Committee meeting after Family Night Prayer Service.

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Vacation Bible School Offering

We have received several Vacation Bible School Offerings for the boys and girls of the Orphanage. If your School desires to make such offerings, we shall be very grateful. If you would like to bring your group to the Orphanage for a visit at the close of your school we shall be happy to see you. We will be here the entire Summer with the exception of the last two weeks of July when the children will be on vacation. Perhaps you would like to have one or more of the children make a vacation visit, if so, write to us.

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Messengers To Convention Should Report To Church

Most of the pastors and some of the messengers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in St. Louis June 2-5 are sent by their churches with expenses paid. Whether they attend with expenses paid or otherwise, we believe that they should report back to their churches. Certainly pastors should report, for in most cases their expenses are paid and the church is entitled to something for its money.

They should also report because by so doing they can inspire their people with a report of one of the greatest Baptist meetings of the year. Such a report can be made at the Sunday School service, or at a prayer meeting service. A report will not be a substitute for attendance at the Convention, but will help to give some of the information and inspiration to those who were not fortunate enough to attend.

Of course, the Baptist Record will carry a rather full report of the Convention, but many things must be left out. Space is not available for a word-for-word report of everything that happens. The messengers can fill in many things that will not be carried in the Baptist Record. Such reports will increase the interest of the other members as well as prove the interest of the messengers.

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We Vote For June

On a few occasions during our experience with Southern Baptist Conventions it has met in June. However, the traditional date is the week after the second Sunday in May. This year the Convention is to meet in St. Louis on June 2-5. However, we understand that the June date this year is not because the time has been changed permanently but because it was that date or none in St. Louis.

Regardless of the cause we like the June date and hereby vote for a permanent June date for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

One good reason for meeting in June is that it will enable many to attend who are otherwise prevented. We are thinking of our college, high school and elementary school teachers. Most schools are not out in time to attend a May meeting. All of them could, if they so desired, attend a June meeting.

Another reason for meeting in June instead of May is that many are prevented from attending a May meeting because of their connection with some school or college. Parents who have children graduating either from college or

from a high school or elementary school will want to be there and if that date happens to conflict with the Southern Baptist Convention, they stick by their children and we would do the same.

Some object to a June meeting because it may conflict with other meetings. That's true, but this disadvantage is not as much as the disadvantages of a May meeting which are mentioned above. And regardless of the time, whether it be June, July, or any other month there will always be some conflict.

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Share Ye One Another

A few days ago a mysterious fire destroyed the study of Rev. George Gay, pastor at Ripley. All of his books and other office equipment were destroyed. Most of his sermon notes also went up in flames.

We do not need to remind pastors that such a loss is irreplaceable. Neither do we need to remind them that such a loss would seriously handicap any preacher.

We preachers often talk about sympathy, sharing one another's burdens, etc. Here is an opportunity to practice what we preach. There is no preacher with any library at all that does not have many books that he has already read and probably will never read again. Some of them may be old and some of them may be new, but whether new or old, they are better than the ones that Mr. Gay has, for he has none.

We plead with our brother preachers to send this brother beloved a book. Look over your library and pick out one that you

can spare or one that you can't spare, but are willing to give away and buy another like it, and send one or more books to this unfortunate brother.

There are more than a thousand Baptist preachers in Mississippi. If each preacher would send just one book, what a library the Ripley pastor would have!

We have already done more than we urged you to do.

Do it today!

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The Pastor's Vacation

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder" and after a vacation — being away from his regular work, spending time in reflection, Bible study, planning, praying, preparing and just plain rest — our pastor can do more and better work.

The church is also entitled to a rest. After having "just supplies" for a month, there will be a greater appreciation of the pastor. Both church and pastor will love each other more when the vacation is over.

Full-time churches should give a month; half-time churches, two weeks; and quarter-time churches, one week. Not only give your pastor a vacation, but pay his salary in advance and assure him that the church will carry on as usual in his absence.

Most churches do, but to those that do not, notify your pastor NOW that a vacation for him is a part of the church program. And you'll be glad you did, for after being refreshed and invigorated your pastor can do more in eleven months than he can in twelve without rest.



Our Readers Write

HE HAS A PROBLEM

Dr. A. L. Goodrich,
Jackson, Miss.
My dear friend:

I want to bring one of our church problems to you, feeling that you can use the B. R. to help us and probably other churches that have a similar problem.

We are constantly having gifts through our church designated to persons who are not engaged in religious endeavor, and to causes not sponsored nor sanctioned by our church nor any religious body. Certainly such gifts are not deductible for income tax purposes and if a church makes it a practice of accepting and handling such gifts it might place the institution in an embarrassing position with the Internal Revenue Department.

Dr. A. L. Goodrich,
The Baptist Record,
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Doctor:

I want to commend you for printing the article on "False Doctoritis" by Brother James P. Brewer, and commend him for writing it.

He stated the matter in clearly unmistakable terms, and I sincerely hope his article will have a wide reading and will do much good.

Once I was in a preacher's study and upon the wall was proudly displayed a "doctor's degree diploma" from an institution which, I later learned, had never existed. Yet the Baptist state paper "wrote up" this brother in fine fashion upon his being awarded this "doctor's degree."

Let us have more discussion on this matter from time to time. We need it.
BILL WATSON, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Houston.

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I noticed in a recent issue of the BAPTIST RECORD a notice to the effect that Sgt. E. W. Cooper of Greenville, Mississippi is available for pulpit supply. I am writing to offer a word of recommendation of Brother Cooper. This man has had a marvelous experience with the Lord and I had the privilege of baptizing him into our fellowship. He is a comparatively young Christian but is an ardent student of the Word, loves the Lord, and will with credit represent his Saviour.

W. L. SEWELL, Pastor,
First Church, Bossier City, La.

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and to rise from the dead on the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (R.S.V.)

We read, also, from Matthew 28: 18-20: "And He said unto them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (R.S.V.)

I bring you three thoughts from our text: The Person We Follow in our Advance; The Purpose We Achieve in Our Advance, and The Plan We Use in Our Advance.

I. FIRST, LET US THINK ON THE PERSON WE FOLLOW IN OUR ADVANCE.

"And He said unto them. . ."; "It behooved Christ to suffer. . ."; "Preached in His name. . ."; "Lo, I am with you."

1. He is the one for whom we advance, through whom we advance and with whom we advance.

2. He is the greatest of all men of all times. The world has had its so-called great men in every Century. Often we see listings of "Who's Who in the Western Hemisphere," or ". . . Among Religious Leaders of America," and on down to a local community. Occasionally names are found that some people question the merit of mention; but Mr. Samuel Stennett said concerning Christ Jesus:

"No mortal can with Him compare, Among the sons of men; Fairer is He than all the fair Who fill the heavenly train."

Let us think back a minute. Did you ever know another baby who received his name centuries before he was born; whose birth and life was told in detail hundreds of years before his birth; whose birth drew worshippers from near and far; whose birth aroused the wrath of wicked rulers; whose birth called out heaven's choir to sing his praises; who was taken in the arms of a prophet and was worshipped as God when only forty days old; who as a lad of twelve years of age, did manifest supreme wisdom over the most learned men of his day; who, when he began his ministry, was able to say to the rolling sea, "Peace be still," and it obeyed; who was able to heal all manner of sickness and disease among the people, raise the dead, cast out demons, forgive sin and make sinful men over again? "No, a thou-

sand times no," must be your answer, for there is only one and His name is Christ Jesus.

3. Note the content of our text: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Christ Jesus in the center and circumference of the word of God.

4. C. H. Spurgeon said, as found in Volume 19, page 47, of his memorial library: "The first line of the covenant of grace is Christ Jesus and the last line is Christ Jesus and all in between is the Lord Jesus Christ. Begin with him as A; go right through to B. C. D, E, F,—and so on until you end with Z and it is all Christ Jesus."

(1) Christ Jesus is the "second Adam." "The first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."—I Cor. 15:45.

(2) Jesus is the Bread of life; said He, "I am the bread of life. . . if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever."—John 6:48 and 51.

(3) Jesus is the Captain of our salvation. "For it became Him. . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

(4) Jesus is the door into the sheep fold. Hear Him: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."—John 10:9.

(5) Jesus is Emanuel, God with us. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."—Matthew 1:23.

(6) Jesus is the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Said He: "Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you."—John 15:14.

(7) Jesus is God's son. Hear the Father: "Thou art my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."—Mark 1:11.

(8) Jesus is our High Priest and we need no other. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession. . . Let us, therefore, come boldly to the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—Hebrews 4:14-16.

(9) Jesus is the Image of God. Said He: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."—John 14:9.

(10) Jesus is Joshua or deliverer, for He delivers from sin's bondage of death. "Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."—I Thess. 1:10.

(11) Jesus is King of Kings—"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Philippians 2:10-11.

(12) Jesus is Life. Hear Him: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—John 10:10.

(13) Jesus is our one and only Mediator. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."—I Timothy 2:5.

(14) Jesus is a Nazarene. "He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene."—Matthew 2:23.

(15) Jesus is the Offspring of David. Said He: "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."—Revelations 22:16.

(16) Jesus is the Propitiation for our sins, for He satisfied God when He died on Calvary. "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—I John 2:2.

(17) Jesus is our Redeemer, for He bought our souls back from hell with His own precious blood. "In whom we have redemption through His blood."—Ephesians 1:7.

(18) Jesus is our one and only Saviour, and we need none else. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

(19) Jesus is Truth, for He said, "I am the truth."—John 14:6.

(20) Jesus is the Unspotted One, for Pilate knew no fault could be found in Him. He challenged all, "Which of you convinceth me of sin."

(21) Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches, and He expects us to bear fruit for Him. John 15:5. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit."

(22) Jesus is the Word. Hear John: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."—John 1:1-3.

5. In message, mission, might and mercy, the Master excels all others.

(1) The world has had its great artists, but no man ever painted such mental pictures as did Jesus. Think of the gospels.

(2) The world has had its great teachers, but a look at his parables proves He was the one sent from God.

(3) The world has had its great orators, but "no man ever spake as did this man."

(4) The world has had its great preachers, but a careful study of Matthew five, six and seven will convince all that He stood out far above all others.

(5) The world has had its great conquerors, but their dominions and kingdoms have waned and wasted. He actually conquered men by getting on the inside of them. Hear God's word: "They left all and followed Him."

(6) He is our Lord and Master and has said, "Follow me, and as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Again, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." If we follow Him and do His bidd-

Pelahatchie Establishes Mission Sunday School

Shown above is the bus recently purchased by the Pelahatchie Church.

ing, victory is ours, for He knows no defeat. All power is His in heaven and on earth.

I. LET US LOOK IN ON OUR SECOND THOUGHT: THE PURPOSE WE ACHIEVE IN OUR ADVANCE.

"Make disciples." Go therefore and make disciples!

God expects of every church and every real Christian three things, namely: pray for missions, produce missionaries, and pay for missions. They come in this order, and no church is worthy of bearing the name, missionary, unless it does all three.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The term "disciple" marks an individual relationship existing between Christ and each single soul. The word signifies a taught or trained one. To establish such relationship, the great teacher leads each person to face, feel and forsake sin. When the sin problem has been settled by faith in Christ, a disciple has a living, breathing, throbbing, pulsating experience of Christ in the heart, then he must study at His feet, abide in Him and go on growing in grace and knowledge of Him.

The command to make disciples is universal in its scope. It must begin at home, Jerusalem, but it goes out to Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the world.

Jesus' purpose or mission for coming to earth was to seek and to save the lost. His great purpose in saving us is that in turn we are to bring souls into the right relationship with God.

We must bring lost souls to repentance and forgiveness of sin. All men are lost who have not been born the second time, anew or from above, that is all who have reached the age of accountability, which comes quite young.

"There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "The wages of sin is death."

To accomplish our purpose, yea the purpose of God, we must present Christ Jesus as: the Suffering-Servant, the Successful-Sacrifice, (Continued on Page Five)

All phases of the work at the Pelahatchie Church has shown marks of improvement. In the last 15 months there have been 58 additions to the church and marked improvements in attendance at all the church activities.

In March a beautiful copper outside lighted bulletin board was erected on the lawn of the church. This was a gift from one of the families of the church.

Also in March the Church Bus was delivered which makes its run each Sunday and provides transportation to the church services.

In January a Mission Sunday School was organized in the Andrew Chapel Community in Rankin county.

The school was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Allen with great interest being shown.

It was only a few weeks until a tract of land was donated for the building of a church building for the group, and in a matter of weeks work was actually started on the building. With only a small amount of paid labor, the group erected the building and the first services were held in it on the second Sunday of April.

Since that time the attendance has over doubled and new Sunday School classes are now being organized.

Last month the Pelahatchie Church purchased a Baldwin church organ for the auditorium which is adding much to the worship services of the church.

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BORIS FISHER

Boris Fisher, Honduran student, will be the guest of the Pearl River Jr. College BSU and our Foreign Mission Board during Student Week at Ridgecrest June 2-9. Ambika Singh, Miss. State, will also be a guest.

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While we're at Ridgecrest, we'll remember prayerfully our great Convention meeting in St. Louis.

Besides Schweitzer, Quarles, Mrs. Wms, Durham and Woodward, Circuit Judge Sebe Dale, of Columbia, has accepted our Convention invitation. There will be others.

We congratulate and wish the very best for Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ivey upon their recent marriage. She is the former Fay Lee who remains, at least for a time, as our very fine Office Sec'y.

Blue Mountain annual staff are to be congratulated on their dedication of the yearbook, *The Mountaineer*, to Student Director Jane Ray Bean. She's most deserving of the honor.

At this writing, 130 Mississippians have registered for Student Week, R'crest.

New Location Means New Day For Chilean Baptist Seminary

It was the beginning of a new day for the Baptist seminary of Chile when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted in its February meeting to appropriate \$25,000 from Advance Program Funds for the purchase of property in Santiago for its new location, says Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the Board's secretary for Latin America.

Dr. Gill said the property, approximately 312 x 297 feet, is owned jointly by the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

"It is located in a good section of the city and includes a suitable building, constructed in the 1930's, which has stood earthquakes well," Dr. Gill said. "With necessary repairs, this building can be used adequately for the present seminary which is now located in a very poor section of the city."

'Christ Only, Always' Is Canton Revival Theme



REV. BILL CAUSEY

"Christ Only, Always" will be the theme of the youth-led revival to be held at First Church, Canton, June 6-11. Rev. Bill Causey of Greenville, and a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky will be the guest evangelist.

Other team members will be Mrs. Bill Causey, soloist and youth counselor; Miss Martha Milling, Jackson, organist; Frank Horton, Canton, song leader. The Youth Choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. Horton, will sing for each service.

Rev. David T. Crawford is the pastor.

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Advancing With

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and the Satisfying Saviour.

1. As I think of the Suffering-Servant, my words are inadequate to describe His sufferings. O, how He suffered in Gethsemane for your sins and mine, as He shed blood.

2. We must present Christ as the Successful-Sacrifice. Hear our text: "And to rise from the dead on the third day." He said He would rise again, and His disciples bore witness that He came forth on the third day. They saw Him, heard Him, ate with Him, walked with Him, prayed with Him, saw Him ascend to the Father, and they went forth with a message demons could not silence: "He is alive and hath appeared!"

3. We must present Christ as the All-Sufficient Saviour. Matthew 1:21 reads: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." In Acts 4:12 we find: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." He saves unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

(1) Jesus saves from the guilt of sin. "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," but "He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (I Corinthians 5:21) God dealt with Him as the great criminal of the universe as Jesus took our sins upon himself.

(2) Jesus saves from the penalty of sin. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," but "He died for the ungodly." "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with His stripes we are healed."

(3) Jesus saves from the curse of sin, for He became a curse for us. "For it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth upon a tree."

(4) Jesus saves from the power of sin. Sin had laid its mighty hands upon the hearts of men and enslaved them, but Brother Paul said to believers, "Sin shall no longer have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace." He knew salvation was by the grace and mercy of a loving God.

The early disciples presented Christ Jesus on this wise, and they achieved much. Hear the word: "And a great number believed and turned to the Lord."

"These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." This thought is repeated often in the Acts of the Christians.

III. FOR OUR CLOSING THOUGHT. LET US THINK OF: THE PLAN WE USE IN OUR ADVANCE.

It must be Christ's plan to get results, and it is . . . Christ's plan is extensive enough to reach all races, intensive enough to enlist all true disciples, militant enough to challenge all who follow Him, and Spiritual enough to bless all who are touched by His glorious gospel.

His first followers did what He said do, and they went forth conquering and to conquer. Let us look in on the churches of the first century who took Christ seriously and

followed His plan; especially Jerusalem, Antioch and Ephesus. We learn four lessons, namely: They waited, went, witnessed and won.

1. First, they waited, Jesus had told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father.

"Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses, in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and upon the uttermost part of the earth."

(1) They waited in prayer until they were all together—as one.

(2) They waited until God had set their souls on fire with deep compassion for lost men everywhere. He led them to have real compassion; they suffered with and for souls.

(3) They waited until the Holy Spirit had taken full possession of them. They knew it, and others soon found it out. If Brother Paul had had my place today I wonder if he would not ask us what he asked the brethren at Ephesus: "Have you received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" Some years ago, we had the nation's greatest preacher with us in New Orleans, and we pastors asked him some questions to great profit. I asked him: "Was there ever a time in your life, since salvation, that God got a larger grip upon your life?" He answered, "Definitely so. I prayed all night one time. Just as the sun was coming up I fell on my face in the room and said, 'O God, please take my life or take full possession of my life,' and the Holy Spirit took full possession and my life has never been the same since."

2. After waiting, they went. Their Lord had said, "Go ye therefore." "They went everywhere preaching the word." They went to the homes, out into the streets and alleys of the cities, out into the highways and hedges, and over into other nations as the Spirit led. Paul answered the Macedonian call, and the same God is calling today from nations around the world. "Come over and help us"—in Asia, Africa, Europe and all nations. If Baptists were as zealous and persistent as those who call themselves Jehovah's Witness, Adventists, Mormon and others, we would win multitudes to Christ.

3. They witnessed. Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

(1) Every Christian had an experience of Salvation and told it. Paul gladly told what happened to him on the Damascus road. If you and I really know the Lord and tell it, God will use our testimony to the salvation of lost souls. We do not have to know a lot of Scripture; but we must know the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) They witnessed of Christ's sinless life. His victorious death, His glorious resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the promised return of the Lord Jesus. God used it, and men were pricked in their hearts (convicted) and cried out: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

One time I marvelled at 3,000 souls being saved when Brother Peter preached, but when I turned to the Acts and read, "Every man heard them speak," I understood. Yes, every man heard them, then every man heard him, Peter. The one hundred twenty had been witnessing much before Peter stood up

HAVE GOOD RECORD



GAIL and KAYE SMITH

Shown above are Gail and Kaye Smith, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Candler's Chapel Church, Prentiss county. They were recently awarded three-year attendance pins. Rev. James Smith is pastor.

to preach, and that explains the reason for many who responded to the invitation.

Any church clothed with power, going forth witnessing with compassion, can win many souls to Christ, even without one sermon from a pulpit. I am not minimizing preaching, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, but the greatest sermons to reach souls are delivered face to face, in the home or market place. Why is it some good preachers win few to a decision in revivals and others win hundreds? I can explain it. Those who get results, inspire, inform, instruct and God breathes on the Sunday School teachers, officers and others. They go out and win many. Decisions have been made before the sermon is preached in God's house.

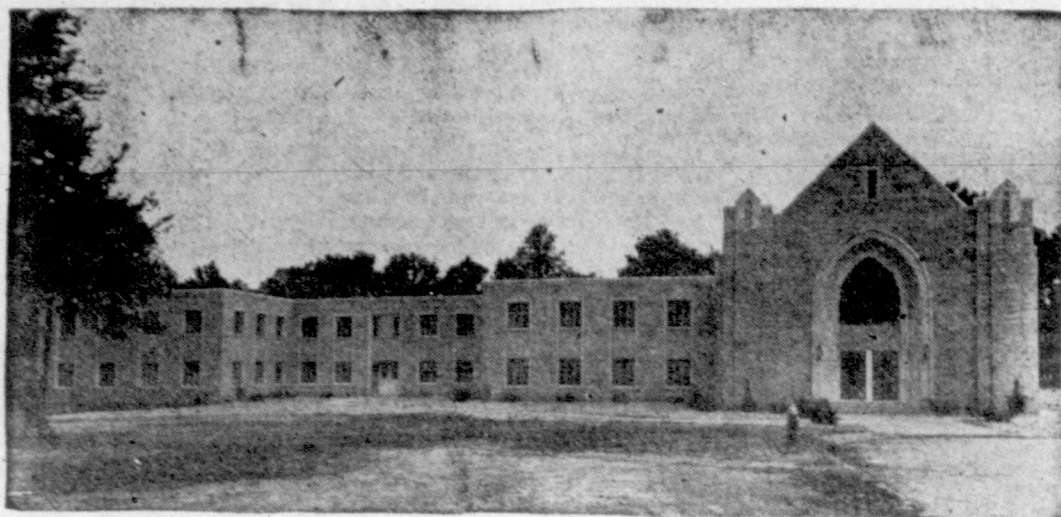
To illustrate: In South Mississippi, where I was born from above, I won an old man to Christ. When we stood, after kneeling in prayer, I asked him if he would yield all to Jesus. He said, "Yes, Sir, I do, and I am so happy." Then I asked his age and he said that he was eighty-four. I asked why he had waited so long and I received this reply: "No one else ever asked me to trust Him." Here was a man like multitudes all over our great convention, saying "No man cared for my soul." It will be great to get a million more enrolled in Sunday School. It will be greater to lead them to Christ and get their names on the Lamb's book of life. If we do not win them, their souls' blood will be upon us.

4. My last word is—they won. Listen: "A great number believed and turned to the Lord; the Lord added to them that day about 3,000 souls." Again and again we read: "Many more believed on Him."

Jesus promised results to those who do His bidding. He promised to be with them always. He has all power. He is saying today, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus goes forth conquering and to conquer. We must follow Him and make known His glorious gospel. THEN Millions will turn to him and find forgiveness of sin.

Someone has said: "Through floods and flames, if Jesus leads, I'll follow where He goes. Hinder me not, shall be my cry, Though earth and hell oppose."

Highland Church, Meridian To Occupy New Building



Highland Church, Meridian, will occupy its new building on June 6. The building consists of a chapel and educational plant, and along with the furnishings, has an appraised value of over three hundred thousand dollars.

All exterior walls are of buff colored clay tile.

The ceiling of the chapel, and the corridor ceilings are made of acoustical plaster.

One of the most beautiful features of the building is the large colored glass picture window "Christ in Gethsemane," over the front entrance.

There will be a seating capacity of 600 for the worship services, and the educational building is designed to take care of approximately 950 in Sunday School.

All these rooms are on the two main floors, and in addition to these, there is a library, choir room, church office, pastor's study, Sunday School office, Training Union office, educational director's office and church parlor. There are two kitchenettes on these two main floors.

On the flower floor there is a large kitchen, a banquet room with stage, a boy's club room, two

rest rooms, furnace room and a large activities and game room 46 x 70 feet. Counting closets and storage rooms the church has 106 rooms.

The building committee is composed of E. H. Richie, chairman; Lyle V. Corey, Sr., E. J. Vaughn, W. F. McDonald, W. E. Sanders, F. W. Lull and Mrs. J. A. Rogers. The finance committee is composed of W. F. McDonald, chairman; Lyle V. Corey, Sr., Victor Skinner, O. E. Muse, F. W. Lull, J. A. Rogers and Herman D. Lide.

Rev. W. Levon Moore has served as pastor since 1950.

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GLORIETA W. M. U. WEEK

Much enthusiasm has already been manifested in the mission tour and trip to Glorieta WMU Week. Reservations already received practically fill one bus but if there is sufficient demand we can charter a second bus. Plans for this trip have been sent to every WMU president—if you are interested and need further information write: Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

We plan to leave Jackson Monday, July 5 at 6 a. m., with mission visiting in Clovis, New Mexico, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos and then to Glorieta by Thursday afternoon. We will be leaving Glorieta Wednesday, July 14th and returning by Carlsbad and Fort Worth, arriving in Jackson Friday night. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$115.00—the registration fee is \$2.00 and should be sent immediately to the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson.

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SHOULD BIBLE SUB-LITERATES SEEK ORIENTATION?

By A. L. PICKENS
Charlotte, N. C.

Should a preacher read his Bible through? Of course. But it is a shock to find some who have not, and they are not all in the freak denominations. Many years ago our oldest seminary wisely began requiring written statements from students that they had read both the Old and New Testament through. But not all of our ministers attend seminary nor even college.

Many years ago as a worker with the Sunday School Board I was urged to attend a small church back in the mountains. It was a museum of frontier ecclesiasticism. I was much interested in one preacher who had been ordained—to pay him for moving the church building, he being something of a carpenter! Even more did it get my goat—for the purist in language I sometimes substitute, "It abducts my Angora"—when sometime later returning to the city, prepared for some restful passive worship, I was called into the office of a higher official and asked to go to one of the biggest churches in one of the biggest cities in the state, the higher official fearing the pastor needed my help. What the man needed I found was God's help. He was a joke-cracking sensationalist who, after years in the pulpit, had not read his Bible through. I urged that he do so.

We Baptists allow a lot of freedom. Sometimes groups of us allow too much. Surely it would not be amiss if every ordaining body made it a point to ordain no man to the ministry who had not read his Bible through; pulpit committees should not be too lax on the matter. It would be better if every church demanded that the pastor be whole-Bible literate, each Sunday school teacher New Testament literature, and that every member who can read at all, read prayerfully through the Gospels at least. And if this be heresy make the most of it.

Rev. Howard Taylor Is Riverside Evangelist



REV. HOWARD TAYLOR

Riverside Church, Monticello, announces plans for a revival meeting to be held June 6-13. Rev. Howard Taylor, Eupora, will be the evangelist and Mr. E. V. Catt will lead the singing.

Rev. Arthur C. Culpepper is the pastor.

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Miss. College Names Winners Of Awards

At the annual Commencement Exercises of Mississippi College awards were made to the following:

The Miles Dampier Memorial Scholarship to Sam Berry Mason, Brookhaven; the Mrs. A. J. Aven Scholarship to Arlis Clarence Hinson, Crystal Springs; the Mrs. W. J. Davis Memorial Scholarship to Bradley James Pope, Brookhaven; the Spire Scholarship Award to Walton Myers Caughman, Magee; the Banks Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund to Ella Beth Fenn, McComb; the H. M. King Memorial Scholarship to Ralph Creyton Atkinson, Yazoo City; the Joseph Barnhill Memorial Award in Chemistry to Charles Julian Brown, Jr., Utica; the Bailey Biology Award to William Caris Chambliss, Stewart; the Walden Band Award to Joseph Robert Abrams, III, Clinton; the U.D.C. Southern History Award to Joan Chambliss, Sumner; the Tina Newsom Sullivan Award to Elva Lee Trussell, Vicksburg; the Lily Waller Riley Scholarship to Mrs. Thomas N. Moore, Crystal Springs; the Kyzar Medal to Talmadge Dean Littlejohn, Blue Springs; the Wallace Medal to John Senter Compere, Greenville; the Trotter Medal, Martha Ann Smith, Columbia; the Nelson Medal to Damon Vernon Vaughn, Jackson; the Lee-Emerson Medals to Richard Brooks Smith, Meridian, and Donald Gordon Manuel, Pass Christian; the Edward Garland Banks Memorial Award to Charles Whitely Emerson, Jr., Hernando and Evelyn Ann Vail, Lambert; and the Thomas M. Cox award in Sociology to James Lewis White, Monroe, Louisiana.

Sardis Pastor



REV. ARTHUR HOUGHTON

Shown above is Rev. Arthur Houghton who recently assumed his duties as pastor of the church at Sardis.

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A HISTORY OF PREACHING by Dr. E. C. Dargan (\$7.95) has been published in a one-volume edition by the Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. It originally appeared in two volumes. The introduction to this new edition has been written by the present successor of Dr. Dargan in Southern Seminary, Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon. In his introduction Dr. Weatherspoon states, "There have been numerous biographies, books dealing with particular periods and aspects of preaching, but none so ambitious and encyclopaedic as Dr. Dargan's." Every important preacher is included, with an informative biographical sketch, and an expert evaluation of his contribution to the field of preaching. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTED

The Brotherhood at First Church, Indianola meets every Wednesday morning at 6:00 o'clock. Dr. Kermit Canterbury reports that the prayer service at these meetings and the personal evangelism of some of the men made a real contribution to the recent revival.

First Church, Tupelo has an enrollment of 44. The men made 17 visits to sick and needy, 50 invitations to men to attend church, 15 talks with unsaved men about accepting Christ, 26 tracts, Testaments were distributed by the men, 11 men talked with about Tithing and Giving and 20 services were held by men in homes. Charles Martin, secretary, reporting.

First Church, Columbus has an enrollment of 129. They sponsored cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the revival. Held 35 meetings with an attendance of about 250. Evangelistic committee reported 225 visits made during the week of the revival. Transportation was furnished to college girls during the week. Reported by A. M. Miller.

First Baptist, Hattiesburg has an enrollment of 88. The R.A.'s are being sponsored by the Brotherhood. They meet for supper then have their meeting by themselves. They are also helping with the racks and pews of the church by making them quiter for the services. Reported by James Berry.

Cofer Roofing Company Donates Dormitory Roof To Wm. Carey College



E. M. COFER

The E. M. Cofer Roofing Company of Atlanta Georgia, has donated the roofing including the expense of putting it on for the new dormitory for boys at William Carey College. This item alone will cost approximately \$2,000.

Mr. Cofer, in making his donation, said he believed in Christian education and felt his investment in Carey College would not only minister to the very acute needs of our institution at this particular time but would be a blessing for many years to come to all the boys who will be students there. Mr. Cofer, though he lives some 500 miles away, said he felt that all Christians should rally to the need of our denominational schools.

Concord Church Has Successful Revival

Rev. Freddie Brister, pastor of Harmony Church in Copiah County, was the evangelist for the revival at Concord Church, Yazoo County, Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor.

There was one addition by letter, one surrender to full-time Christian service and 20 rededications. Rev. John Compere and Miss Gay Holcomb, both Mississippi College students, were in charge of the music.

The meeting was held May 9-14.

Nine Mississippians Receive Degrees From Southern Seminary

Degrees were awarded to 240 graduates at recent commencement exercises at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Nine students from Mississippi were in the graduating class.

In the commencement address, Seminary president Duke K. McCall charged the graduates "to subdue kingdoms, produce righteousness in a wicked and perverse generation... stop the mouth of lions of lasciviousness... quench the power of fire which threatens peace... and turn multitudes to God."

Graduates included nine members of the first class of the Seminary's new School of Religious Education, organized last year. Fifteen graduates of the School of Church Music, 225 graduates of the School of Theology, and 84 who received degrees at the end of the first semester gave the Seminary the largest number of graduates in any single year in its 94-year history.

AN EXPLANATION

In order to prevent confusion and to be fair the following information should be given our readers.

Recently advertisements have been carried concerning Southwide Leisure Service whose P. O. Address is Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Jack B. and Edith Fellows are the promoters of this service. Both have the reputation of being tops in the recreation field.

Because the address is Ridgecrest, where the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds are located, some may think this is a part of our Southern Baptist work. What they do and what they promote is good and should be helpful.

But the assignment of Church Recreation was given to the Baptist Sunday School Board by official Convention action. The board elected Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant to head this particular service. Headquarters are in Nashville.

At the recent Commencement Exercises of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, Rev. William Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church, Borger, Texas, and former pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Moore also formerly served as pastor of the Olive Branch Church.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Broadmoor

While pastor Gordon Sansing led a revival at Lucedale we had the privilege of supplying at Broadmoor, one of Jackson's youngest and most vigorous churches.

Starting with nothing a few years ago in the fast growing Broadmoor section of Jackson, the church, which was started and nurtured as a mission of the First Church, has made remarkable progress.

They now worship in a large modern church plant and all organizations are growing rapidly. The Sunday School enrollment is 719 and the Training Union 285.

The church staff includes an educational secretary and a Minister of Music. Mr. J. Nyle Walker has recently accepted the latter post.

Hinds County Record readers are now listed as follows BETHESDA, 47; BROWNSVILLE (BEULAH), 57; BOLTON, 21; BYRAM, 79; CHAPEL HILL, 29; CLINTON, 325; EDWARDS, 59; ELRAINE, 83; JACKSON ALTA WOODS, 279; JACKSON CALVARY, 1403; JACKSON, DANIEL MEMORIAL, 593; JACKSON CRESTWOOD, 297; JACKSON EMMANUEL, 66; JACKSON, FIRST, 1344; JACKSON, GRIFFITH MEMORIAL, 216; JACKSON, NORTHSIDE, 375; JACKSON, PARKWAY, 915; JACKSON, VAN WINKLE, 365; JACKSON, ROBINSON STREET, 106; JACKSON, SOUTHSIDE, 298; JACKSON, WEST, 175; JACKSON, TEMPLE, 39; Learned, 12; JACKSON RIDGECREST, 109; HILLCREST, 84; MIDWAY, 62; WESTVIEW, 88; Old Byram, 10; PALESTINE, 23; POCAHONTAS, 25; RAYMOND, 123; SALEM, 41; FOREST HILL, 75; TERRY, 119; UTICA, 87; NEW HAVEN, 28; CALVARY MISSION, 58; JACKSON, HIGHLAND, 89; JACKSON, BROADMOOR, 179.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary



MISS LUCILLE PACKER

This is to introduce to you Miss Lucille Packer of Jackson, who began her work as office secretary in the Music Department on May 17. The Music Department is happy to secure the services of Miss Packer and she in turn will be

happy to cooperate in every way possible to serve the people on the field from the Music Office.

Miss Packer comes to the Music Department eminently qualified. She graduated from Clarke College and has had work at Mississippi College and Jackson Commercial College.

She has been an active member of the choir of the Van Winkle Baptist Church for several years including groups entering our State Music Festival program.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FACULTY TO BE INTRODUCED

Beginning with the next issue of the record, pictures of the faculty members of our Leadership School to be held at Mississippi College next August 2-6, will be in this column.

The faculty for our school this year is not excelled in our Church Music Education work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Registrations are already coming into the Music office and we will be happy to supply you with registration blanks upon request.

Clarke College Trustees Name 1954-55 Faculty

Newton, Miss.—The Board of Trustees of Clarke Memorial College, in a meeting late Thursday, elected the following members of the Administration Staff and faculty for the 1954-55 session, according to Horace Headrick, Laurel, chairman:

A. H. Miller, Business Manager; Mrs. George T. Parker, Registrar; Dr. John F. Carter, Acting Dean. Teachers: Theo Breland, Miss Frances Browning, John F. Carter, John T. Carter, Mrs. Frances T. Carter, James L. Clark, T. L. Everett, L. G. Kee, A. L. McLaugh, O. P. Moore, George T. Parker, L. B. Simmons, Mrs. Frances Townsend.

Other faculty and staff members will be elected at a later date, it was further stated by Mr. Headrick.

The college is one of the four colleges owned and operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 7—New Class for School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital; Nursing Recruitment Week.

June 8—Rev. W. E. Breland, Neshoba Associational Organizer of Evangelism; T. E. Briscoe, Lafayette Associational Brotherhood President.

June 9—R. A. Camp, Garaywa; Mrs. Edward H. Turley, Tate Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.

June 10—Robert D. Pass, Yalobusha Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Roy Isbell, Mississippi State Student Secretary.

June 11—Mrs. W. P. Hughes, Baptist Building; Rev. Boyd LeCroy, Associational Missionary, Tippah County.

June 12—Harold Guley, Pearl River Associational Training Union Director, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Board of Ministerial Education.

June 13—John Mixon, Trustee, William Carey College; John E. Stone, Trustee, Baptist Hospital.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

Pastor W. J. Derrick reports the loss by fire of both the house of worship and the pastor's home of the Yazoo City Church.

The First Church, Biloxi, closed a ten days' meeting with ten additions to the membership. Pastor J. B. Searcy was assisted by Rev. J. P. Culpepper of Lumberton.

40 YEARS AGO—

The speakers' medals at Mississippi College commencement were won by W. H. Ratcliff in the Junior class (Trotter), Sam George in the Sophomore class, and J. A. Barnhill in the Freshman class.

Mississippi College graduated thirty-nine young men at a recent commencement and Mississippi Woman's College (William Carey) presented diplomas to nine young ladies and certificates to ten others.

The Southside Church, Meridian, received eighteen additions, sixteen for baptism, from a revival meeting in which Pastor J. J. Mayfield, by request of the church, did the preaching.

25 YEARS AGO—

A class of 48 teachers taking a special course in history at Clarke Memorial College presented their teacher, Rev. C. S. Moulder, a traveling bag with an assortment of men's wearing apparel neatly tucked away within.

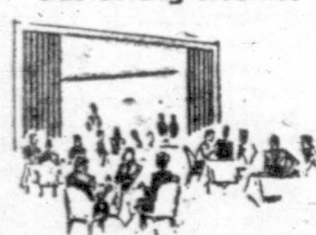
Dr. W. T. Lowrey, formerly president of Blue Mountain and Mississippi Colleges, becomes president of Clarke Memorial College.

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Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

The offering has reached an all time high of \$68,406.70 with \$22.44 from Missionary Societies contributing. The list of gifts includes those received through May 26; any received after that date will be published in a later issue.

DISTRICT I

Copiah—

Antioch	\$22.20
Bethel	9.50
County Line	18.50
Crystal Springs	195.05
Damascus	26.25
Gallman	14.00
Georgetown	100.00
Harmony	12.85
Hazlehurst	322.44
Hopewell	32.00
Pilgrim's Rest	24.49
Pine Bluff	12.79
Poplar Springs	10.00
Sardis	10.00
Shady Grove	58.46
Spring Hill	15.00
Strong Hope	10.00
Sylvarena	47.20
Wesson	100.00
Zion Hill	5.00
Pearl Valley	8.00

Minds—

Bethesda	139.10
Byram	22.00
Clinton	1364.11
Edwards	64.87
Elaine	45.00
Forest Hill	13.70

Jackson—

Alta Woods	131.87
Broadmoor	195.00
Calvary	346.72
Crestwood	57.64
Daniel	156.70
Emmanuel	18.46
First	2738.59
Griffith	102.09
Highland	33.37
Hillcrest	9.58
Midway	23.00
Northside	476.16
Parkway	238.02
Ridgecrest	196.45
Robinson Street	66.00
Southside	42.99
Van Winkle	75.27
West Jackson	41.37
West View	71.56
Pocahontas	65.00
Raymond	300.85
Salem	23.60
Terry	124.15
Utica	130.70

Molmes—

Cruger	23.62
Durant	198.95
Goodman	56.75
Lexington	78.90
Mt. Pleasant	13.85
Pickens	127.37
Tchula	43.66
West	25.74
Beulah	2.00

Madison—

Camden	7.60
Canton	
First	1413.68
Center Terrace	71.00
Farmhaven	11.00
Flora	195.62
Lulu	22.00
Madison	53.85
Ridgeland	26.57

Rankin—

Antioch	15.31
Brandon	158.61
Briar Hill	45.00
Clear Branch	26.00
County Line	20.25
East Side	34.40
Flowood	12.00
Hickory Ridge	12.38
Leesburg	26.45
Liberty	33.00

Mt. Pisgah

Mountain Creek	15.50
Oakdale	44.61
Paul Truett	53.00
Pearson	7.63
Pelahatchie	177.00
Puckett	72.50
Rehobeth	17.02
Richland	16.42
Star	54.37
Steen's Creek	200.00
Cato	32.50
Barefoot Springs	2.25
Value	7.28

Simpson—

Bethlehem	31.00
Beulah	14.00
Braxton	85.61
Coat	6.65
D'Lo	17.50
Goodwater	10.00
Gum Springs	10.00
Harrisville	23.75
Holly Grove	3.05
Magee	190.00
Mendenhall	100.00
Mt. Zion	22.20
New Hope	10.15
Oak Grove	5.00
Palestine	15.00
Pinola	30.00
Pleasant Hill	11.35
Siloam	10.60
Stonewall	33.50
Jupiter	5.50

Warr

Grace	11.00
Harmony	11.50

Vicksburg—

Bowmar Avenue	106.91
Calvary	32.00
First	359.90
Immanuel	75.03
Trinity	34.65
Woodlawn	20.20
Individual Gift	2.00
Wayside	10.00

Yazoo—

Anding	13.00
Benton	33.78
Bethlehem	15.22
Black Jack	54.30
Center Ridge	20.50
Concord	14.88
Eden	12.00
Hebron	6.35
Holly Bluff	60.00
Oak Grove	4.25
Ogden	50.00
Oil City	21.05
Rocky Springs	19.00
Sartartia	31.64
Tinsley	14.36
Yazoo City—	
Calvary	50.00
First	778.70
Grace	4.41

DISTRICT II

Bolivar

Benoit	\$55.00
Boyle	86.12
Calvary	38.66
Cleveland	433.00
Duncan	75.00
Gunnison	22.00
Interstate	25.50
Merigold	76.97
Morrison Chapel	44.70
Myland Chapel	3.20
Pace	11.54
Providence	16.07
Rosedale	124.02
Shaw	136.00
Shelby	158.35
Skene	44.68

Humphreys—

Belzoni—

First	\$40.82
Calvary	2.00
Isola	21.45
Louise	14.85
Silver City	5.50

Leflore

Greenwood—

First	740.33
Calvary	44.81
Itta Bena	142.80
Money (Riverside)	80.90
Morgan City	100.00
Mt. Vernon	10.50
Schlater	29.12
Sidon	56.00
Lowland Chapel	33.50

Riverside—

Belen

Clarksdale—

First

Oakhurst

Crowder

Darling

Dundee

Hollywood

Jonestown

Lambert

Lula

Lyons

Marks

Reynolds Memorial

Riverside

Sledge

Tunica

Walnut

Fair Haven

West Marks

Green River

Sharkey-Issaquena—

Anguilla

Carey

Catchings

Rolling Fork

Spanish Fort

St. Bayou

Valley Park

Sunflower—

Bethel

Blaine

Dockery

Drew

Fairview

Holly Grove

Indianola

Inverness

Linn

Moorhead

New Hope

Rome

Roundaway

Ruleville

Sunflower

Wade

Washington—

Arcola

Alexander Memorial

Darlove

Glen Allen

Greenville—

Calvary

Emmanuel

First

Parkview

Second

Hollandale

Leland, First

Swiftwater

DISTRICT III

Calhoun—

Banner

Big Creek

Bruce

Calhoun City

Calvary

College Hill

Concord

Derma

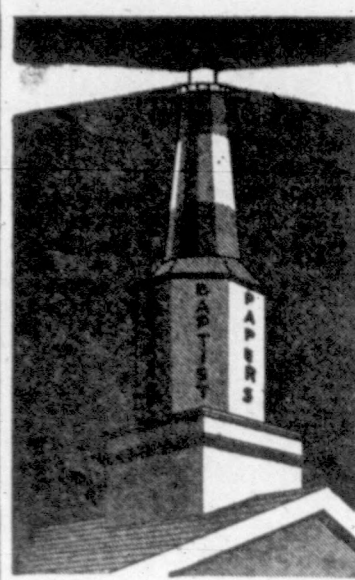
Pittsboro

Sabougla

Shiloh

DISTRICT III

Slate Springs



Vardaman

Carroll—

Carrollton

McCarley

Mt. Pisgah

North Carrollton

Vaiden

DeSoto—

Ebenezer

Eudora

Gray's Creek

Hernando

Horn Lake

Macdonia

New Prospect

Olive Branch

Pleasant Hill

Trinity

Grenada—

Emmanuel

Grenada-First

Hardy

Hebron

Pleasant Grove

Holcomb

Providence

(Gore Springs)

Lafayette—

Abbeville

Anchor

Clear Creek

Oxford—

First

North

Philadelphia

Prospect

Taylor

Union West

Yellow Leaf

Marshall—

Byhalia

Coldwater

Holly Springs

Potts Camp

Red Banks

(Pleasant Grove)

Slayden

Spring Hill

Montgomery—

Duck Hill

Kilmichael

Milligan Springs

Winona

Scotland

Panola—

Batesville—

Calvary

First

Como

Courtland

Crenshaw

Enon

Good Hope

Hebron

Liberty Hill

McIvon

Peach Creek

Pilgrim's Rest

Pope

Sardis

Tallahatchie

Cascilla

Charleston

Cowart

Paynes

Phillipp

Sumner

Tutwiler

Webb

Friendship

Friendship No. 2

Tate

Arkabutta

Central (Coldwater)

Mission Offering

(Continued from Page Eight)

Endville	26.50
Friendship	13.00
Furts	20.75
Harmony	6.32
Longview	20.25
Liberty	16.25
Pontotoc	
First	331.00
West Heights	11.80
Randolph	12.50
Thaxton	9.25
Toxish	24.40
Woodland	3.50
Zion	43.95
Prentiss	
Baldwyn	90.75
Booneville	230.68
East Side	9.00
Pleasant Ridge	5.00
Tuscumbia	2.70
Wheeler	27.95
Tippah	
Blue Mountain	573.98
Chalybeate	94.75
Harmony	20.00
Ripley	181.98
Mt. Hebron	7.00
Walnut	34.80
Tishomingo	
Burnsville	23.16
Iuka	92.96
New Prospect	13.00
Paden	16.30
Tishomingo, First	7.00
North Cross Roads	4.00
Union	
Center	16.80
Glenfield	10.00
Ingomar	43.05
Myrtle	128.60
Myrtle Temple	9.09
New Albany	501.44
Neely Memorial	5.75
New Prospect	22.35
Wallerville	20.00
DISTRICT V	
Atlanta	
Bear Creek	20.00
Carson Ridge	76.00
Ethel	26.04
Hurricane	30.00
Kosciusko	
First	230.00
Second	7.22
McAdams	82.05
McCool	12.35
Sallis	41.74
Springdale	25.00
Unity	9.00
Williamsville	50.85
Yockanookany	9.00
Choctaw	
Ackerman	177.54
Concord	36.43
Fellowship	18.50
French Camp	33.25
Clay	
Pheba	16.50
Siloam	25.58
West Point	
First	621.34
West End	10.00
Lowndes	
Antioch	10.00
Artesia	11.00
Bethel	10.00
Border Springs	33.50
Columbus	
Calvary	71.73
Central (Northside)	25.00
East End	59.00
First	1227.70
Plymouth St.	12.50
Southside	83.51
Mt. Vernon	11.25
Mt. Zion	100.00
New Salem	18.00
Pleasant Hill	9.75
Noxubee	
Brooksville	35.05
Concord	65.82

Deerbrook	10.67
Elon	14.00
Macon	263.55
Mashulaville (Klm)	25.00
Shuqualak	57.33
Oktibbeha	
Adaton	15.00
Bethesda	19.26
Center Grove	26.00
Double Springs	36.10
Longview	23.15
Maben	108.11
New Hope	8.00
Self Creek	41.65
Starkville	667.10
Sturgis	34.05
Winston	
Calvary	24.60
Ellison Ridge	5.00
Enon	13.00
Evergreen	22.25
Good Hope	5.00
Hinze	4.45
Liberty	8.50
Louisville	
East	11.72
First	276.41
South	15.00
Macedonia	5.65
Murphy Creek	21.40
Noxapater	110.00
Poplar Flat	8.00
Yellow Creek	2.40
Singleton	6.65
Union Ridge	5.20
ZION	
Clarkson	10.00
Eupora	252.00
Fellowship	14.00
Mantee	26.00
Mathiston	27.10
Philadelphia	7.00
Pilgrims' Rest	9.00
Old Cumberland	5.00
Walthall	11.65
DISTRICT VI	
Clarke	
DeSoto	20.00
Enterprise	57.00
Harmony	16.20
Montrose	7.50
Oak Grove	21.00
Pachuta	31.01
Pine Grove	13.00
Pine Hill	12.00
Pleasant Hill	27.20
Quitman	200.70
Shubuta	78.51
Souenlovie	5.24
Stoneville	84.18
Union	46.50
Rolling Creek	6.00
Jasper	
Antioch	5.10
Bay Springs	410.76
Eden (Soso)	16.00
Fellowship	13.25
Heidelberg	30.00
Louin	29.00
Montrose	25.00
New Fellowship	17.75
Pine Grove	25.00
Shady Grove	36.25
Stringer	18.00
Kemper	
Black Water	37.75
Center Ridge	12.70
De Kalb	40.00
Salem	10.00
Scooba	22.22
Lauderdale	
Arkadelphia	11.70
Bethany	9.25
Carmel	7.80
Causeyville	20.00
Collinsville	12.13
Daleville	15.00
Hickory Grove	5.35
Kewanee	90.10
Long Creek	17.37
Macedonia	30.00
Marion	42.11
Meridian	
Eighth St.	40.32

Fifteenth	752.91
First	1067.86
41st	150.00
Eastview	27.75
Grandview	11.00
Highland	201.65
Key Field	14.18
Oakland Heights	56.07
Poplar Springs	219.03
Southside	136.81
State Blvd.	29.92
Midway	155.00
Mt. Horeb	10.50
Mt. Olive	6.50
Mt. Vernon	10.54
New Hope	32.75
Oak Grove	100.28
Pine Grove	3.00
Russell	43.10
Toomsaba	18.02
Hebron	7.85
Mt. Gilead	22.00
LEAKE	
Cathage	318.20
Freeny	20.00
Friendship (Lena)	72.70
New Prospect	3.60
Standing Pine	9.10
Thomastown	30.57
Tuscola	22.25
Walnut	46.75
Sunrise	5.25
Neshoba	
Bond	10.00
Coldwater	27.22
Deemer	9.00
Laurel Hill	9.00
Mt. Nelson	44.60
Neshoba	16.00
New Bethel	30.00
New Harmony	8.00
Neshoba	
Pearl Valley	12.00
Philadelphia	
Beacon St.	21.00
East	57.15
First	167.00
Sardis	24.30
Spring Creek	10.40
New Choctaw (Indian)	
Hope	3.77
Hopewell	11.00
Macedonia	10.50
Newton	
Bethel	25.00
Chunky	30.00
Decatur	89.88
Duffee	16.50
Hickory	130.86
Liberty	6.24
Midway	16.80
Mt. Vernon	12.00
New Ireland	10.87
Newton	532.27
Union	117.64
E. C. Jr. College	3.00
Scott	
Branch	30.00
Cash	8.85
Clifton	4.23
Forest	227.76
Forkville-Bethlehem	22.25
Harperville	35.00
Hillsboro	15.25
Jerusalem (Ludlow)	40.00
Lake	52.00
Liberty	20.30
Morton	76.09
Pulaski	10.50
Ridge	8.00
Sandridge	8.50
Homewood	4.25
Two Mile	5.00
Smith	
Beulah	12.67
Burns	6.00
Goodwater	18.50
Lorena	8.00
Raleigh	150.00
Rocky Hill	3.00
Sardis	2.00
Sylvarena	22.00
Taylorville	200.00
Ted	3.17

White Oak	39.45
DISTRICT VII	
Covington	
Cold Springs	30.00
Collins	143.35
Mt. Horeb	5.00
Mt. Olive	76.05
New Hope	11.76
Salem	115.65
Seminary	28.80
Williamsburg	5.00
Lebanon	10.00
George	
Agricola	46.96
Barton	27.00
Lucedale	311.08
Rocky Creek	98.22
Shady Grove	27.25
Greene	
Cedar Grove	36.89
Leakesville	79.91
McLain	42.75
Pine Level (Sweet Water)	15.00
Pleasant Hill	16.35
Gulf Coast	
Bay St. Louis	10.00
Big Ridge	24.25
Biloxi	
East Howard	31.70
First	340.58
Trinity	103.58
Gulfport	
Calvary Mission	10.36
Fernwood-Bowen	11.00
First	566.33
Grace Mem.	55.50
West	7.50
Broadmoor	38.52
Handsboro	32.00
Logtown	20.00
Long Beach	96.13
Lyman	32.50
McHenry	15.00
New Hope	26.82
Pass Christian	51.00
Pass Road	2.60
Riverside	13.50
Woolmarket	4.75
Perkinson	28.89
Jackson	
Bellefontaine	32.00
Friendship	27.00
Escatawpa	17.00
Gautier	46.91
Kreole	17.50
Moss Point, East	38.10
First	162.36
Ocean Springs	119.50
Pascagoula, First	564.53
East Side	16.37
Eastlawn	19.94
Riverside	25.00
Unity	11.50
Van Cleave	6.75
Immanuel	4.27
Jones	
Bethlehem	14.75
Ellisville, First	72.02
Calvary	7.00
Emmanuel	5.00
Fairfield	6.00
Fellowship	9.00
Gitano	3.00
Glade	12.00
Harmony	31.54
Hebron	9.00
Hillcrest	4.05
Laurel, First	1114.55
Beacon	22.32
Eastview	62.28
Highland	251.38
Second Ave.	66.80
South	8.50
West	64.62
Wildwood	69.70
Moselle	5.00
Myrick, Beulah	20.00
Freedom	10.00
Ovett	31.00
Pine Grove	17.52
Pleasant Home	7.00
Sandersville	33.31
Sharon	21.30
Soso	16.74

CALIFORNIA MISSION
CALLS HAROLD HILBUN

HAROLD HILBUN

Harold (Buddy) Hilbun, a Jones County ministerial student, has been called as pastor of a mission in Redwood Creek, California. The First Church, Arcata, California, is sponsoring this mission at Redwood Creek.

One of the lumber mills at Redwood Creek has agreed to build a worship chapel to house the mission. They have also offered Buddy a job until the mission is able to support a full time program.

Buddy spent one summer in Oklahoma working with the Home Mission Board and another in Kansas City. He has done supply work at Hebron (his home church), Harmony, and Centerville Churches in Jones county.

Buddy is a graduate of Mississippi College and has finished one year at New Orleans Seminary.

Summerland	21.50
Tucker's Crossing	13.06
Bethel	16.24
Lamar	
Baxterville	28.00
Bellevue	17.69
Hickory Grove	15.00
Mary	8.50
Oak	36.15
Oral	21.75
Sumrall	14.50
Richburg	10.00
Lebanon	
Big Level	8.00
Brooklyn	36.40
Carterville	13.68
Dixie	20.00
Glendale	45.08
Green's Creek	30.00
Hattiesburg, First	308.05
Central	15.00
Immanuel	326.46
River Ave.	5.73
19th Ave.	30.56
28th Ave.	10.00
38th Ave.	17.15
Lumberton	125.00
Macedonia	28.50
McLaurin	40.50
Petal, First	14.00
Harvey	145.80
Temple	13.40
Purvis	50.00
Rawls Springs	18.65
Wiggins	69.30
Zion Hill	42.60
M. W. C. BSU	231.81
Pearl River	
Bethel	63.00
Carriere	20.10
Corinth	30.00
Goodyear	8.45
Harmony	11.05
Napoleon	4.79

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Mission Offering

(Continued from Page Nine)

New Palestine	37.04
Nicholson	33.20
Oak Hill	31.35
Ozona	6.00
Picayune	284.16
Pine Grove	12.77
Poplarville—	
First	129.25
West	7.50
Roseland Park	37.61
Santa Rosa	27.77
Spring Hill	5.00
Union	42.80
West Union	4.00
White Sand	9.00
Perry—	
Arlington	5.50
Beaumont	45.65
Brewer	19.55
Good Hope	10.00
Indian Springs	13.00
New Augusta	33.69
Richton	325.42
Runnelstown	6.52
Seminary	12.77
Individual Gift	2.00
Big Creek	4.50
Bucatunna	34.50
Clara	34.00
Clear Creek	10.00
Evergreen	29.00
Mt. Zion	20.00
Pleasant Grove	11.00
Wayne—	
State Line	27.00
Waynesboro—	
First	56.50
Calvary	30.21
DISTRICT VIII	
Franklin—	
Bude	109.68
Concord	8.50
Hopewell	25.55
Lucien	19.60
Meadville	124.00
Mt. Zion	26.35
New Salem	20.00
Providence	20.00
Quentin	10.00
Roxie	52.55
Siloam	32.00
Eddiceton	18.50
Jeff Davis—	
Antioch	22.25
Bassfield	4.00
Bethany	14.50
Carson	46.55
Dublin	15.00
Ebenezer	6.00
Hathorn	36.70
Hebron	42.50
Hepzibah	26.50
Oak Grove	23.50
Phalti	7.15
Prentiss	489.85
Society Hill	38.30
White Sand	100.00
Calvary (Oak Vale)	10.00
Victory	2.62
Lawrence—	
Antioch	16.50
Calvary	46.08
Jayess	10.00
Monticello	77.55
New Hebron	171.50
New Hope	18.51
Nola	6.60

New Centreville Worker



MR. J. T. TAYLOR

Shown above is Mr. J. T. Taylor, who has recently begun his services as Minister of Music at Centreville Church where Rev. E. L. Howell is the pastor. Mr. Taylor is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and at the present time is a student in the New Orleans Seminary.

Shiloh	17.00
Wanilla	9.00
Arm	20.00
Lincoln—	
Arlington	25.00
Bethel	15.00
Brookhaven—	
Central Chapel	37.28
Southway	37.35
Calvary	15.50
Fair River	12.00
Friendship	25.00
Gum Grove	16.00
Heuck's Retreat	100.28
Little Bahala	25.00
Macedonia	21.45
Moak's Creek	46.05
Montgomery	16.15
Mt. Moriah	112.65
Mt. Pleasant	27.76
Mt. Zion	106.67
New Prospect	42.70
New Sight	23.20
Pearl Haven	13.00
Philadelphia	5.00
Pleasant Grove	55.00
Ruth	75.00
Union Hall	10.00
Halbert Heights	4.62
Marion—	
Bunker Hill	102.05
Cedar Grove	28.52
Clear Creek	50.00
Columbia—	
First	546.52
Calvary	78.23
East	66.50
North	40.00
Edna	57.41
Foxworth	122.85
Goss	66.50
Hurricane Creek	27.01
Improve	83.00
Kokomo	13.00
New Hope	50.00

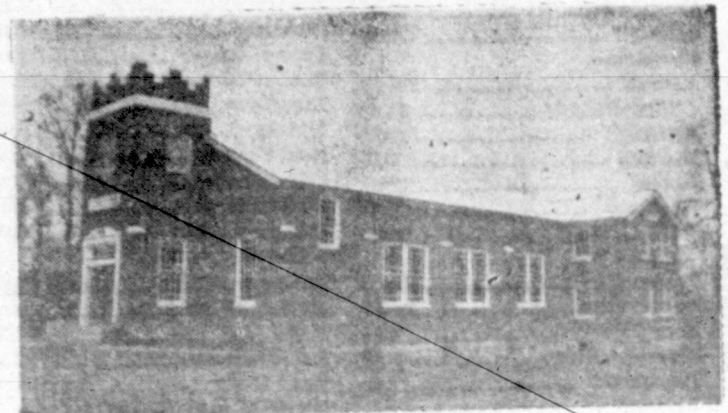
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Bethel	4.00
Calvary	22.00
Centerville	134.72
Crosby	128.87
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Gillsbury	62.58
Glading	7.25
Gloster	319.70
Liberty	279.44
Mars Hill	148.03
Mt. Olive	10.00
Mt. Vernon	22.50
New Zion	9.00
Oak Grove	10.00
Woodville	72.25
Zion Hill	30.00
Bola Chitto	8.00
Bogue Chitto	15.16
Calvary	30.00
Central	134.15
Ferniwood	16.63
Friendship	29.50
Holmesville	23.50
McComb—	
First	998.35
East	249.93
Locust St.	25.31
South	153.10
North	13.00
Magnolia	208.21
Price St.	3.25
Mt. Zion	15.40
Navilla	11.17
Osyka	112.00
Progress	45.00
Silver Creek	17.00
Silver Springs	50.00
Summit	45.01
Sunny Hill	17.00
Tangipahoa	12.50
Terry Creek	50.00
Thompson	48.83
Union	6.00

Union—	
Cranfield	9.55
Elmo	50.80
Fellowship-Lorman	12.50
Natchez—	
Calvary	8.50
First	640.36
Fellowship	33.59
Immanuel	200.00
West Side	243.88
Pleasant Hill	20.68
Port Gibson	171.74
Redlick	17.10
Springfield Chapel	17.37
Union Church	32.00
Unity	27.50
Washington	23.50
Friendship	13.71
Pattison	8.00
Walthill—	
Crystal Springs	34.05
Dinan	18.00
Enon	13.08
Lexie	102.10
Mesa	17.10
New Zion	40.00
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Rev. Ivan Lowry is the pastor and Frank Lowery (no relation, even spell the name differently) is the Sunday school superintendent. We congratulate them on their good work.

MORE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Yes, sir, Brother, signs and evidences of progress are taking place all about us these days. And the big thing is toward the great Southern Baptist goal of reaching a million more this year.

Beacon Street, Philadelphia: This new and growing church has gone over 30 per cent increase in Sunday school enrolment since last October 1. They plan to raise their goal again. Rev. James Kirkendall is the pastor and Mrs. E. S. Cole the superintendent.

Terry: "Just wanted to let you know that we have reached our part of the goal for 'A Million More in '54,' with 57 new members, writes Superintendent L. E. McCoy. Rev. John I. Hill is the pastor.

Broadmoor, Gulfport: Pastor J. D. Aycock says, "We have passed our associational goal of 20 per cent increase the third time. In fact, we are well on the way to a 100 per cent increase. Our new Cradle Roll and Extension departments will surely help us do this."

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R. OTHAL FEATHER
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R. Othal Feather, Associate Professor of Student Work and Counseling, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. will be one of the principal speakers at the State Training Union Convention on June 21, 1954, at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Mr. Feather will lead the devotional at each service using such topics as "Our Salvation Built On The Book," "Our Loyalties Built On The Book," "Our Decisions Built On The Book." He will also lead a methods workshop for pastors and educational workers and general officers on the topic, "Building a Standard Training Union."

CONVENTION FEATURES — June 21, 1954

At 10:55 a. m. the State Training Union Convention will meet by Regions. At this time the eliminations will be conducted for the Young People's Speakers' Tournament and the Intermediate Sword Drill.

At 4:10 p. m. the State Finals of the State Training Union Convention will be held for the Intermediate Sword Drill.

At 7:25 p. m. the State Finals for the Young People's Speakers' Tournament will be held.



RALPH W. DAVIS
 Training Union Secretary
 Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Ralph W. Davis, Training Union Secretary of Arkansas, will be one of the featured speakers on the program at the State Training Union Convention on June 21, 1954 at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Mr. Davis will speak at the morning service on the subject, "Our Churches Built on the Book," in keeping with the theme of the convention, "Built On The Book." In the afternoon he will lead a methods workshop for Adults. This workshop will be conducted for the benefit of members and officers of Adult unions and departments. The main topic of the general officers on the topic, methods workshop for Adults will be "Building A Standard Adult Union."

GOOD HOPE CHURCH HAS GROUND-BREAKING

Good Hope Church, located in Leake County near Carthage, held ground-breaking service on May 3 for the new auditorium. The seating capacity will be 240.

The Building Committee is composed of Hayde Sessums, Chairman, Claude Cummins, Clinton Lay, Barney Jeffcoat, and Joy Mac Donald.

Rev. Jerry Henderson is the pastor.

Rev. H. L. Davis Marks Third Year At Moselle

May 22 marked the third anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. L. Davis at Moselle Church.

A new pastorium has been built and improvements made to the church at a total value of \$12,000.

The attendance and enrollment of the organizations has increased and there have been 22 additions by baptism and 19 by letter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enrol.	Offg.
Bassfield	111	11.78
Derma	103	20.95
Carriere	77	25.08
New Hope (Gulf Coast)	170	24.48
Roxie	103	12.66
West	50	6.26
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	50	6.24
Bethany (Jeff Davis)	54	7.09
Monticello	109	19.77
Providence (Lebanon)	126	25.90
Chunky	55	7.32
Tillatoba (Yalobusha)	68	8.61
Mt. Tabor (Calhoun)	38	1.05
Ackerman	153	50.00
Arkadelphia (L'derdale)	126	34.87
Mt. Olive (Lauderdale)	81	14.18
Big Level (Lebanon)	92	
Providence (Tippah)	81	11.09
Wellman (Lincoln)	95	10.05
Lowrey Memorial		
Blue Mountain	138	19.16
Georgetown	102	6.46
Baxterville	100	11.88
Fellowship (Lauderdale)	94	15.25
Academy (Tippah)	81	17.00
Roundaway (Sunflower)	88	4.48

MRP Members Must Join Security Plan By July 1 To Avoid Penalty

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Members of the Minister's Retirement Plan in Mississippi who have not voted to enter the newly-adopted Minister's Security Plan and who wish to do so are advised by the Relief and Annuity Board that they must do so by July 1 to avoid penalty caused by delayed participation.

Members of the Minister's Retirement Plan can join the Minister's Security Plan after July 1 but only on basis of penalty caused by delayed participation.

It is further pointed out that the only way one can join the Minister's Security Plan is through the Minister's Retirement Plan. One must join the Minister's Retirement Plan and then vote to join the Security Plan.

Those members of the Minister's Retirement Plan who intend to join the new Plan are urged to send in their ballots at once.

Billie Fortner Joins Indianola Church Staff



MISS BILLIE FORTNER

Miss Billie Fortner, a 1954 graduate of Mississippi College, will join the staff of First Church, Indianola, as Educational Secretary on June 12. Miss Fortner has had varied secretarial responsibilities before and during her college days. While in Mississippi College she has served as secretary of the Student Body, member of the College Choral Club, a leader in B.S.U. activities, and the recipient of many campus honors.

Utica Church Begins Building Program

The Utica Baptist Church has awarded contracts for its new building totaling \$54,000.00.

The church has in hand \$44,000.00 plus and pledges up to \$52,000.00. It is believed that when the church building is completed in October that the building will be debt free.

The building committee is composed of Whitfield Simmons, Sr., Gerald Carmichael and Ruel Traxler. Rev. R. Y. Garrard is the pastor.

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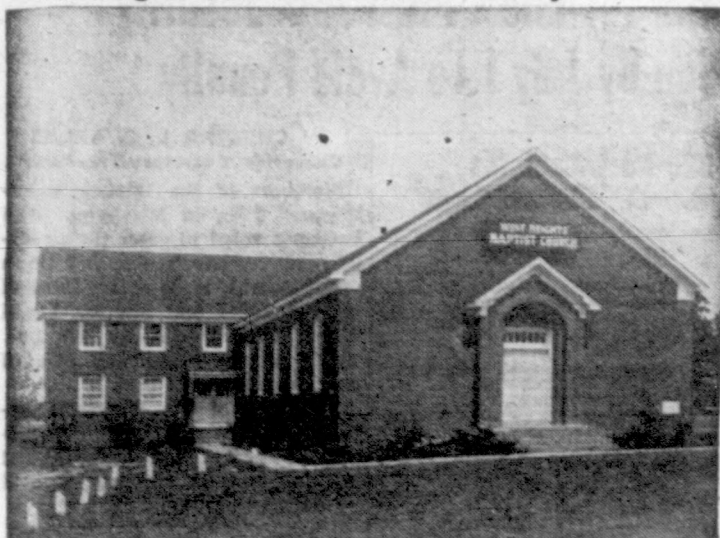
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 The Baptist Hour preacher for June is Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission, Atlanta, Georgia. Music for the program is by the Baptist Hour Choir directed by John D. Hoffman. Sermon tropics for June are "seeing Men Through Jesus' Eyes," "A Father Who Failed," "Jesus Paid It All," and "An Eye-Opening Experience." Stations in Mississippi carrying the Baptist Hour each Sunday are: WDOB, Canton, 5:00 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 5:00 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WSLI, Jackson, 7:00 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9:00 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4:00 p. m.; WNAI, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 p. m.; and WRJW, Picayune, 1:00 p. m.

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West Heights Church Dedicated Sunday



The West Heights Church Pontotoc, was dedicated Sunday with an all-day program under direction of the pastor, Rev. A. J. Northcutt.

The church is seven years old and the building is valued at \$45,000.

Following Sunday school the morning worship message was brought by Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., the first full-time pastor.

Lunch was spread at the church and at 2:30 the formal dedication service was held with Rev. John W. Cook bringing his sermon. The Rev. Mr. Cook, who was pastor of the First Church here in 1946, began the West Heights Mission which later grew into the present church.

The church and newly-built pastorium were thrown open for open house from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Jr. brought the evening worship message. He was the second pastor of the infant church, following his father here in 1949-51.

The church building, finished in 1948, houses 22 rooms, including nurseries, class rooms, dining room, office, and an auditorium, with a seating capacity of 350.

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Churches Face Challenge
In U. S. Population Boom

With experts in the U. S. Census Bureau anticipating a 40 million increase in our national population by 1975, the National Association of Manufacturers has estimated that this record population boom will bring with it a 28-million increase in church enrollment.

Writing in the June issue of the CHRISTIAN HERALD, Warren J. Taussig, NAM Eastern Division Church-Industry Director, analyzes the scope of the challenge in these terms: (1) the need by churches of all faiths to build and equip 100,000 more church structures, and (2) the need to train some 75,000 more clergymen.

Basically, Mr. Taussig notes, the problem posed by the record population boom is common to all, particularly churches, schools and industry. The problem is one of expanding facilities at a rate sufficient to service the increased need. The NAM estimates the cost of building the additional churches for an augmented 1975 enrollment at \$8 billions.

The Lebanon Church at Seminary will hold its first homecoming service in its new building Sunday, June 20. The building is almost complete and has no debt. Rev. Edward B. Sullivan is pastor

CHANGES AMONG THE
CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG
Called and Accepted:

Charles B. Collins, Jr., Piedmont Heights, Piedmont, South Carolina

T. E. Robinett, First, Waynesville, North Carolina, from Red Bank, Saluda, South Carolina

Charles Drake, Calvary, Gadsden, Alabama, from Beallwood, Columbus, Georgia

Calhoun Association, Alabama
R. D. Weight, Berean, Mobile, Alabama, from Catawba Springs, Escambia, Alabama

H. E. Henderson, First, Marion, Louisiana, from Spearsville, Louisiana

Kesith Babb, West Side, Bastrop, Louisiana, from Marion, Louisiana
William Van Wye, Baldwin Park, California

W. T. Hendrix, Flynt Grove, Gastonia, North Carolina, from Shadybrook, Kannapolis, North Carolina

A. T. Greenes, Jr., Sunset Rock, Wilmington, North Carolina, from Lucas Avenue, Laurens, South Carolina

C. T. Taylor, Missionary, Macon Association, North Carolina, from Sugarfork and Longview, North Carolina

John F. Lawrence, First, Sheehy, North Carolina, from Sunset Park, Wilmington, North Carolina

Calvin H. Garner, First, Covington, Louisiana, from Assistant, Bellevue, Memphis, Tennessee

William J. Pennell, Oak Grove, Missouri, from Hardin, Missouri

Sardis Beamer, Lone Pine, Winnsboro, Louisiana, from Fordyce, Arkansas

Louis W. Shepherd, Olivet, Howell, Kentucky

Ray D. Campbell, West Hendersonville, North Carolina, from Missionary, Carolina Association

B. G. Bass, Merriman Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina, from Fair Bluff, North Carolina

Thomas L. Reece, Tabernacle, Roanoke, Virginia, from Gorman, Durham, North Carolina

W. H. Hall, Jr., Poplar Springs, Shelby, North Carolina, from Abner Creek, Duncan, South Carolina

Herman Driskill, Oak Grove, Louisiana, from Chaplaincy

J. B. Ryals, Claiborne, West Monroe, Louisiana

Hugh G. Harding, Hickory Grove, Louisiana, from Carlville, Louisiana

R. D. Harrington, First, Nettleton, Arkansas, from 47th Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas

G. Emmitt Smith, Desoto Park, Rome, Georgia, from Blue Mountain Church, Anniston, Alabama

Charles Kennesdy, Crawford Road, Phoenix City, Alabama

Alfred Wood, Mt. Calvary, Lookout Mountain Association, Alabama

David F. Emery, First, Desoto, Missouri, from First, Monett, Missouri

Knox Lambert, Grace, Sumter, South Carolina, from First, Bolivar, Missouri

T. S. Cowden, South Side, Little Rock, Arkansas, from Missionary, Centennial Association

J. Coleman Turner, Arlington Avenue, Riverside, California, from Prelita, Texas

George Lovell, Conway, South Carolina, from First Statesboro, Georgia

W. E. Speed To
Meridian Church

REV. W. E. SPEED

Rev. W. E. Speed, pastor of First Church, Russellville, Arkansas has accepted the call of Southside Church, Meridian, to become pastor, and will hold his first service, Sunday, June 27. He has been pastor of First Church in Russellville for approximately six years, a church of more than 1200 members. He is recognized for the work he has done among the young people of the churches he has pastored.

The Rev. Mr. Speed is at present secretary of the Executive Board of the Baptist Convention in Arkansas and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans.

He is a native Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas. The Rev. and Mrs. Speed have two children, a boy twelve, and a girl six. Mrs. Speed is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

The Rev. Mr. Speed will succeed Rev. Estus Mason, who resigned to become pastor of First Church Crystal Springs.

A paragraph on the front cover of HOW THE GREAT RELIGIONS BEGAN by Joseph Gaer states, "A book for everyone, young or old, who wants to learn about the spiritual life of humanity and the founders of man's faith throughout the ages. Reverently told, fascinating biographies of Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Lao-Tze and all who have led mankind to the heights of religious experience." Reading such a book on comparative religion may help one to appreciate the different cultures of the world and to understand the search of all men for God. But the truth of the Christian faith is immediately recognizable in that Jesus is the only one of the religious leaders discussed who is still alive today. He is the only one who can truly promise eternal life because He is the only One who has arisen from the dead. He is the only One who has conquered death. For insight into a number of religious beliefs and for further assurance that our God is the true God order this book from the Baptist Book Store or from the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York for \$25. It is illustrated in black and white.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
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ATTENDANCE

May 30, 1954

Springfield (Scott)	152	88
Jackson, Broadmoor	390	151
Jackson, Parkway	1019	639
Pearl (Rankin)	149	91
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	574	253
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	180	113
Jackson, West	266	136
Jackson, Highland	146	65
White Rock Mission	7	...
Jackson, Ridgecrest	254	91
Jackson, First	1396	453
Jackson, South Side	410	129
Jackson, Calvary	1325	315
Mission	73	35
Flowood	107	82
Jackson, Crestwood	577	423
Laurel, First	740	132
Meridian, 41st Ave.	354	95
Hattiesburg, Main St.	884	306
Richland (Rankin)	121	58
Clarksdale, Riverside	213	75
Stonewall	179	138
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	40	38
New Prospect (Lincoln)	141	126
Morton (Scott)	308	136
Main Church	288	...
Mission	20	...
Pascagoula, First	896	333
Main Church	748	235
Jackson Ave. Chapel	71	39
McArthur Chapel	77	40
Orange Grove Chapel	19	...
Yazoo City, Calvary	261	109
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	155	74
Cleveland, First	546	108
Main School	499	...
Chinese Mission	47	...
Lucedale	351	151
West Point, Calvary	223	108
Jackson, North Side	523	133
Newton	408	181
Petal-Harvey	314	...
Main School	282	...
Harvey	32	...
New Albany, First	623	254
Mission	82	...
North Oxford (Lafayette)	170	66
Aberdeen, First	367	100
Longview (Oktibbeha)	113	86
Gulfport, Calvary	46	29
Concord (Choctaw)	100	96
Kosciusko, First	727	249
Columbus, East End	244	84
Philadelphia, First	367	94
Friendship, McComb	187	90
Picayune, First	536	130
Laurel, Harmony	147	79
Greenville, Second	630	252
Grenada, First	532	103
Grenada, Emmanuel	268	94
Main Church	248	94
Futheyville Chapel	20	...
Charleston, First	357	133
Hattiesburg, Temple	503	148
Yazoo City, First	474	116
Meridian, Highland	531	156
Gulfport, First	904	289
Columbia, First	728	213
Main Church	648	174
South Columbia Mission	80	39
Greenwood, Calvary	423	174
Olive Branch	142	81
Laurel, Second Ave.	463	118
Pelahatchie	201	90
Main School	169	...
Mission	32	...
Brookhaven, First	765	260
Southway	82	50
Main Church	647	191
Halbert Heights	36	19
New Sight (Lincoln)	98	62
Clarksdale	363	50
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	420	102
Crystal Springs, First	658	171
Long Beach, First	262	82
Main Church	215	...
29th St. Mission	47	...
Biloxi, First	587	200
Vicksburg, First	596	178

THE K. OF C. OATH AND MASONIC DEVIL

By EMMETT McLOUGHLIN

Editor's Note: Emmett McLoughlin was for 14 years a Franciscan priest of the Roman Catholic church, stationed at Phoenix, Ariz. He broke with the church in 1948 and is now superintendent of the Memorial hospital in Phoenix. He is the author of the recently-published book, "People's Padre."

Every red-blooded American Catholic rightly gets furious at the stupidity of the contents of the



REV. E. McLOUGHLIN

faked and false Knights of Columbus oath which has been rather widely circulated by fanatics who knew nothing about it:

I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth. . .

. . . In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and sealed in the face of this holy sacrament.

When I was a Catholic priest I went through all the degrees of the Knights of Columbus. They are a friendly group of just average men, joined for mutual recreation, lower cost drinks, and business inter-connections. Their oath is a very innocuous one of loyalty to God and country and of the preservation of all secrets of the Order. I have never heard of any secrets. No blood is ever spilled by anybody for anything.

The alleged oath of the K. of C. was written by some vicious irresponsible zealot.

But equally vicious and stupid attacks on Masons originate with the highest authorities of the Roman Catholic Church itself.

We were actually taught that the head of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Scottish Rite was the devil (Lucifer himself) who takes human form to preside at their convocations.

Pope Pius IX alone issued three encyclicals and two allocutions (verbal decrees) against them.

Pope Leo XIII condemned Masonry as the "enemy of religion

What Can We Do About Communism?

BY HELEN SIGRIST

Helen Sigrist is a well-known writer and was a former Communist but now a zealous Christian.

Some think they're zealously combatting Communism when they are only fighting each other, while others close their eyes and try to wish the whole problem away.

The first thing for a Christian to do about Communism is to begin to understand more of its nature. It's easy to think of Communists as all being greedy gangsters with an insane lust for blood. It's simple to explain every Red advance as resulting from nothing but violence and espionage. But Communism is not that simple. It's a many-headed monster, and each head has a different appearance, and while we're busy trying to destroy one of them the whole creature may be growing.

Communism is a plan to make earth a paradise, just as Satan has always dreamed. It is rooted in an explanation of the universe as being nothing but matter—a philosophy that denies God, but gives matter itself many of His attributes. Communism takes over the sciences and shapes them so that they prove what it wants them to prove. Communism takes over history and makes it a story of change based only on the rise and fall of social classes. The "truth" of Communism is that which helps its cause, and "right" is what the Party chooses to do.

The blood-mad maniac may have his work in Moscow dungeons, but he is not the most dangerous Communist. They may look like other "clean cut Americans." They differ from others in that nothing matters to them but the triumph of Communism.

The goal of godless paradise never changes. Communists will never be satisfied until every island on earth has been taken and every thought of God has been wiped from the memory of man. But tactics change, not only from year to year but from day to day.

Communists use every means to their end. No one works so hard as they to build unions, which must be made powerless once the revolution comes. None are such tireless

and morals," "rooted in vice and wickedness" and excommunicated any Catholic who joined the "pernicious sect" (Encyclical "Humanism genus" April 20, 1884.)

Catholic Canon Law through the "Index of Forbidden Books" forbids you to read any book that merely asserts that Masonry can be useful to civil society (Canon 1300).

In view of the fact that most of our presidents, including George Washington, were Masons and their leadership has produced a nation giving religion, including Roman Catholicism, its greatest moral and financial support, the attitude of the Popes and the Hierarchy seems rather stupid.

It is hard to associate the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospitals with "vice," "wickedness," and "pernicious sects."

Perhaps the Knights of Columbus should go on record repudiating reckless statements of their own Popes rather than worry about the false K. of C. oath.

nationalists in small and undeveloped countries, though Communism is the opposite of nationalism and is pledged to destroy it. Communists organize pacifists to sabotage wars they oppose, and shoot them as enemies of the people when they come to power. They shout for academic freedom, but no informed Communist believes it's right in a "people's democracy."

They speak for the grievances of small farmers, and promise sharecroppers and poor peasants their own plots of land when big estates are divided, though Communism teaches that land must be socialized and cultivated in huge state farms. Communists work with

witch doctors of Catholic priests or Protestant pastors, giving each warm assurance of support while planning for the day when they can be liquidated. These are not changes in line. These are not inconsistencies. These are tactics fully explained in Communist textbooks. It is a very consistent line, fathered by the father of lies.

How much attention we give to figures, seeking to know how many belong to the Communist Party in each country, when figures tell so little of the real danger. Communists don't want a majority of the people inside their Party—they want those who will give everything for the cause and put nothing before it. They do need to have the majority neutralized—by conditions, by propaganda or by fear.

All they need is that many should be soured by corruption and the endless wrangling of politicians; or be made desperate by hunger; or be sick or war; or simply be brought to the point of saying "It's not my business." Communists have no illusions about revolution in prosperous America. . . they can wait for debt and war costs and overproduction and class conflict and economic battles between North and South and jealousy among nations—and possibly war devastation—to do their work first.

We must see that Communism is indeed a part of Satan's final conflict with God. Then we must prayerfully examine each weapon the church is asked to use in this war.

Governments of this world naturally seek material defense. Atomic subs, guided missiles, H-bombs—we have these means of death-dealing defense, but never enough for security, since the enemy has them, too. Weapons, machinery, welfare programs, propaganda—free nations do not use them as does the Communist enemy, but if we trust in them we, too, are materialists. If the church's weapons "are not carnal but spiritual" then we must give our attention to something quite different.

Again, the church is asked to take sides in partisan politics. Some would have us trust the United Nations, pathetically hoping that the frail ropes of agreements will hold a fire-breathing dragon. Others insist that evangelical churches support isolationism, ignoring the fact that Moscow rejoices at the speeches of American isolationists. There are just as dangerous pitfalls in national and local politics. When Christian debates

Christian, then Satan laughs, and amid our confusion we see Communism marching on, while at the same time Catholic dictatorships flourish, and materialism grows stronger in our own country.

The world has gone through many dark days. If only we could find just the right program of action we think we might push the clock back a century or so, and go on with business as usual.

The church is weak because even now we don't know that man is helpless to hold back the flood of evil. God says "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." If only we believed this, what a difference it would make. Then when we were asked "What is the way to fight Communism?" we would answer "We have no way but Christ."

If we knew our helplessness we would ask God to search us and show us our sin and failure. He would have many of us compare our service to Him with the service any "good" Communist gives to the cause of darkness—night after night and week-end after week-end given to meetings or distributing literature, enduring ridicule, risking loss of job, going to jail, and often being willing to give up life for the cause with no hope of anything beyond death. God would ask us again if it is too much for us to give the world His message, "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?"

The Lord would remind most of us how we have spent money in these years of advancing Communism. We can't recover what has gone for trifles, and if this were possible we could no longer spend it to bring the news of the love of Christ to those now engulfed by the Communist flood. We have thought we have done more than is required of us—and yet how much care we have for our own comfort. But the Lord is merciful to those of contrite heart, and will show us how many others there are who may still hear the truth that will make them forever free.

We must let the Lord talk to us about our attitude toward our fellow men. Neither our ideas of freedom nor our faith will attract those who see in us no real care for them as individuals. By far the strongest appeal of Communism is to those—the majority of humanity—who feel they are despised because of race or nation. It is not enough if we as Christians have not persecuted them ourselves, for well they know how prejudice hides behind chilly courtesy. Only if we have loved them as our own can we be sure that their blood is not on our hands—and our many explanations will freeze on our lips when we stand before the Christ who died for us, and for them.

Truly understanding our helplessness, we would be driven to pray. There are those who take prayer seriously, but they are not many. Even in public prayer our attention is most often on our own immediate needs. We are neither surprised nor greatly disturbed if our special meetings bring no great moving of the Spirit though nothing less could bring the church to the place where God's power could work through it.

We are not ceaselessly praying that the Communist enemy be re-



REV. WILLIAM E. BURKE

Atlanta, Ga. (BN)—Rev. William E. Burke, field worker for the Home Mission Board since March 1964, is now available for engagements in churches to give information regarding Catholicism.

Mr. Burke was for 10 years a Roman Catholic priest. After some study of his own, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and came to accept what Baptists believe about the Bible.

Any church or group desiring the services of Mr. Burke may write him at 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Tommy Downs is planning to come back to Mississippi in August to marry a Mississippi girl before resuming his studies at Southwestern Seminary next fall. Anyone in need of supply or someone for a revival in August or July should write to Mr. Downs at 1409 Gambrell Street, Fort Worth 15, Texas. Mr. Downs sometimes presents the Gospel through magic at youth meetings.

strained and that the gospel may reach those who still have not heard. Rarely do we remember to cry out for the Lord's strong support of our brothers in Communist lands and that the church there may grow during the nightmare of pressure against it. To be faithful there under this new terror is possible only by a miracle of grace. May the Lord help us to see all that He would do through our prayers.

If we do not see Christ and love Him more than any comfort, any ambition, any person, then He said we are not worthy to be His disciples. If we are not His disciples, we certainly cannot look to have power to withstand manifestations of Satan's power.

Some will feel this is too high a goal to set the church and demand to know what else we can do meanwhile—what legislation we should sponsor, what resolutions we should pass, what literature we should issue to fight Communism while we wait for Christians to turn to the Lord who bought them by His blood. But God has no stopgap, no quicker way. If it is impossible to bring Christians to real spiritual awakening, what chance have we with our pitiful plans to hold the many millions who have never known Christ from the path to catastrophe?

Never was any war so completely a spiritual battle as this one. Never have we so much needed to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Do we believe this?

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Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL
For June 6

TEKOAH'S TRUMPETEER OF DOOM

Bible Lesson: The Book of Amos.
Read it! It is not either, too long! There are only nine brief chapters in it, and it occupies in my Bible only seven pages. Skip the newspaper once and read Amos. There's nothing in the newspaper worth serious reading anyhow; but the prophecy of Amos possesses value that abides from age to age.

I. TEKOAH

The word is the name of a town situated on a hilltop six miles south of Bethlehem and twelve miles south of Jerusalem. This hilltop is hemmed in on the north, west, and south by taller hills. Far to the north when the atmosphere is clear one can see the gray stone towers of Jerusalem. The only side from which there is a commanding view is the eastern, for from this side the terrain slopes away four thousand feet down to the valley of the Dead Sea.

But it does not 'slope' in the sense in which we commonly understand that word. The surface of the earth rather drops away down to a rough uneven steppe whereon grow groves of the sycamore trees spoken of in the prophecy. These trees bear a sort of fig, a poor fig, the food of the very poor, a fig that will not grow sweet except it be dressed or bruised. When Amos describes himself as a "dresser of sycamores," he means that he pinched these figs to make them ripen and then, perhaps, gathered them for sale or for wages when they were ripe.

Here and farther down the slope was the dreary desert of Tekoah. The whole region from the bare and lofty hill of Tekoah down to the shore of the appropriately named Dead Sea is a wretched country where only a bare living can be wrung from the inhospitable and almost barren earth, wherefore the inhabitants of that region must always have been of the poorest class. Eating the figs of the sycamore and the scanty wheat of the sandy land and the mountain sheep of the breed able to live on the scanty grasses of the grudging country, no doubt clothing themselves in the skins of these sheep and such wilderness animals as they could catch or kill, eked out an existence continually below the borderline of want.

II. THE SON OF THE WILDERNESS

He was not the first as he was by no means the last of his kind whom the Lord God Almighty has called into His service. Picture this Amos! How did he look? Could you think of him as round bodied, sleek hair, fat of face, fair of complexion, or maybe ruddy, smoothly shaven of countenance or maybe of carefully trimmed beard? Well, hardly! I read a description of him this very morning in which he was called an illiterate, and that might and most probably would describe him, if by the word illiterate were meant one ignorant of classics of literature in any department; but Amos must

have been able to write, to write in a rugged style great smiting words that crushed and battered and crashed or pierced their way into the hardened hearts and callous consciences of the wilfully godless.

I think of him as a man of medium height, no pound of surplus fat upon him, sure of foot as a goat upon his native mountains, quick of movement as a darting serpent, hearing keen to the gliding sound of creeping adder or the padded footfall of stalking lion, sight clear to an unusual movement of leaf or twig or blade of grass and far-reaching down to the blue waters of the sea.

Amos' people were the poor people; their wail of want awoke his cry for justice on behalf of them, the apparently hopeless condition kindled in his soul a fierce flame of indignation against the merciless men and women who sold the poor for a pair of shoes. But he was not a prophet, only a member of the burdened lower class. And this man God called to speak for Him, a man who could fling his sheepskin gauntlet full in the face of Death and dare him to mortal combat if but the cause be Truth's and God's.

Of one thing Amos was sure: God had called him to speak a message from the eternal. "My name is Amos, I stand before God." Kings might threaten, a sycophantic priest might speak his veiled threat off an oily tongue, the heartless women of Israel ("Kine of Bashan," or in our vulgar speech, old heifers of Bashan) might hate him for his plain speech, and their men might rail against him and threaten to do their worst, only let Amos know give all of the praise and glory that he has a message from the God of Israel and Amos will speak that message though the earth be moved and the mountains stagger into the depths of the sea.

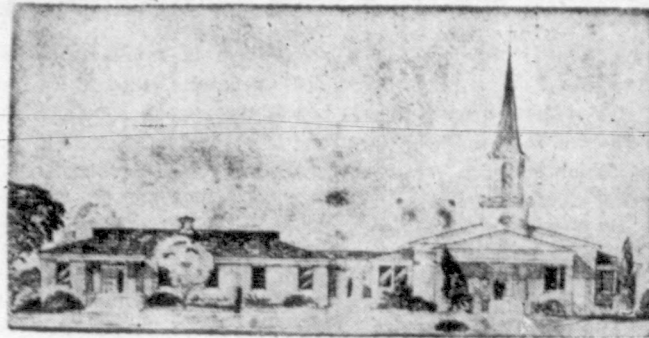
III. TO WHOM THE TRUMPETEER SOUNDED HIS THRILL NOTES OF DOOM.

True, Amos was a native not of Israel but of Judah, but the two peoples were of one race and one calling under Israel's God. Amos went out of Judah into Israel at a time when both countries were enjoying unusual prosperity, when the living standards of the upper classes was the highest ever and when the national prestige of each was at its all-time peak.

The situation of the chosen people then, when Amos spoke his words of doom were in many, many respects like our own today. We are rich as never before in our history. We stand high among the nations as we have never before. The world, both the friendly and the unfriendly portions of it look upon us as formidable to a degree they have never done before. Union labor has seen to it that the "faces of the poor" are not ground as in the day of Amos, but in respect of individual and national righteousness the deadly parallel holds with a vengeance. There are the criminal rich willing, nay, eager to take whatever of material wealth they can grab from whatever source. Veniality among public officials in lofty places has reached in its diabolical descent the most scandalous level upon which it has lain in all our history.

We common people get us to the

PLANTERSVILLE COMPLETES BUILDING PROJECT



The new educational building at Plantersville Church (shown above) is nearing completion. This building will house all of the Sunday School and Training Union departments, with the exception of the Adult Department.

The new building was planned with the aid of the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board; it includes adequate facilities for present needs and provides for a growth to double present attendance. It has a modern Nursery Department.

On June 1 Pastor Silas Johnson completed his third year at Plantersville Church.

polls on election day and vote to "turn the rascals out" and, in that very act, turn in a viler breed than we turned out into the wiregrass meadows. One bunch calls the other rascals and the other bunch calls the one bunch thieves and, behold you, they both are right.

The Communists, that scourge of mankind, or shall I say, the scourge of God? sees the injustices being practiced in our land, injustices of those in high places, of the haves upon the have-nots, and they make such capital of it that they are able to endanger our very way of life. I am not an alarmist, I tell you, but I speak in these words the sober terrifying truth.

Come someone from the great God to shout a warning so insistent that our people will hear, will heed, will come to the Lord God in a devoted service that will rescue from impending ruin the greatest land and the potentially finest people on God's great footstool.



REV. SILAS JOHNSON

Shown above is Rev. Silas Johnson, who recently completed his third year as pastor at Plantersville Church.

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Man Of Distinction

This week's "man of distinction" is far above the average and deserves a lot of space. Certainly the liquor industry should want to give him a good write-up, and perhaps publish his picture. Certainly he is a "man of distinction." Here is what the Commercial Appeal carried concerning him.

KNOXVILLE, Aug. 12 (UP) Police said Wednesday they jailed a 24-year-old Army veteran who served twice in Korea after he chased his family out of their home, overturned a refrigerator and broke all the windows in the house and family car while drunk. H. R. Lewis, father of Eugene Lewis, said his son, "threatened to set fire to the house. He was just crazy drunk."

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

BASEBALL AT CHURCH

Question:

I would like for you to tell me if I am wrong: I teach a class of Juniors in Sunday school. I object to having the church grounds used for ball games and other kinds of recreation.

I use Matt. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46; and John 2:14-16 for my beliefs. I get lots of questions from these Juniors about this matter of recreation on the church grounds.

Answer:

All of the scriptures you mention have to do with Jesus' driving the money changers out of the temple. To tell the truth, such scriptures may be used to apply to such situations as yours. Of course, Jesus was objecting to two things: the dishonesty involved in their sales and their currency exchanges; and their using the worship place for business.

This latter is somewhat like your situation. You object to using the church lawn for recreation.

But is the church lawn sacred, too? And where are the children to play? In this day of commercialized amusements the church ought to do more than condemn worldly recreation. It ought to provide something better. Playing is a part of life as well as praying. I had rather see these Juniors play on the church lawn than have no place to play ball.

Besides the church ought to be associated with joyful experiences of life as much as possible. Many churches are building recreation centers. This seems to be a very different case from that of money-changers and offering-sellers.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. James P. Brewer, Bogue Chitto; Chaplain James N. Bristol, U. S. Army; Rev. W. M. Averett, Rich-ton; Auber J. Wilds, Oxford; Rev. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Rev. Silas Johnson, Plantersville; Bertha S. K. Kim, Hawaii; Rev. W. S. Hardin, Titusville, Florida; Rev. Bob Odenwald, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Art Culppepper, Mississippi College; Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, Greenville; Rev. E. C. Edwards, Tut-wiler; Charles Rich, Kosciusko; James D. Hayes, Durant; V. T. Stephens, Natchez; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Abrams, III, Clinton (Just Married); Rev. Taylor H. Wallace, Crystal Springs; Rev. J. F. Stanford, Pelahatchie.

A 16 page illustrated booklet containing the final report of the building committee of First Church, Hattiesburg has been received. This report contains all vital statistical information concerning the building program. With a great number of illustrations, it shows the building in use during the 7 day week program sponsored by the church. Members and friends of the church can find the answers to a great number of questions. Among the questions are: How many people gave to the building program? What was the actual cost? What per cent of the total cost is now represented by debt? Was most of the money given by a few members? What was the cost per square foot? What has been the actual growth in the church program since entering the new church building?

Rev. Bryan Simmons, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, is rapidly recovering and expects to return home by the last of this week.

Have you wished for some new installation services for W. M. U. or Sunday School or Training Union? Have you grown tired of "the same old ideas" used over and over in installation of new officers and longed for some fresh original installation programs? Virginia Ely, author of the devotional book "Adoration" and of the popular anthology "I Quote" has recently written a versatile hand-book of methods and materials entitled A BOOK OF INSTALLATION SERVICES. These 27 chapters contain programs for each unit organization in the church. The services include Scripture readings, illustrations, hymns, poetry, prayers and charges to the various officers. They may be helpful in worship program and sermon planning as well as in installation services. The author is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. For \$2.50 order from the Baptist Book Store or from Fleming H. Revell, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.



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Louisville, May 30—Election of the Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, director of public relations at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., to the position of executive secretary of the Department of Education of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky was announced today by Dr. W. C. Boone, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists. Prior to going to Furman University, he was for several years director of public relations at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Mr. McDonald will direct a program of coordination and promotion for the Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges—Georgetown, the senior Baptist college of Kentucky; Bethel, Campbellsville, and Cumberland, junior colleges; Oneida and Magoffin, mountain institutes; and the Mountain Preachers School.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. W. E. Palmer, Ackerman; C. T. Heltman, Lena; Rev. Troy B. Land, Lexington; Rev. Malcolm R. Massey, Lexington; Rev. A. G. Graham, Guntown; L. R. White, Pleasant Grove; William P. White, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. L. H. Burris, Weir; Mrs. Hayward Moore, Booneville; Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Rienzi; William A. Cole, Jr., Hattiesburg.

ACROSS THE PASTOR'S DESK (\$2.50) was written by Denver Jackson Davis, pastor of First Church, Staunton, Virginia, and published by Dorrance and Company, Inc., Philadelphia. Through its 187 pages you will listen to an understanding pastor, almost as if you were in the room, as he counsels with men, women, and young people who have brought their perplexing problems to him. The book is well written, and meets everyday problems, sanely, helpfully, and with splendid Christian consideration. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher, Lawson H. Cooke.

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Director of Evangelism, is now leading a revival at Richton Church. He writes in glowing terms of the work of Ralph Young, gospel singer of Pascagoula, who is in charge of the music. An able director, an effective soloist, and a diligent worker, he conducts youth forums for the young people and a "Young-uns" club for the children from 6 to 13. Anyone seeking the services of Mr. Young should write him at Box 344, Pascagoula.

While Rev. Mark Ferges, pastor at Hollandale, is away on Naval Reserve duty, Rev. Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary, will supply for him on June 13.

RURAL PREACHING (Fleming H. Revell Co., 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey—\$2) discusses every area of the work of the rural preacher. There are chapters on the rural preacher's Gospel his Bible, his special days, his talks to his young people, his new tools, his illustrations, his preparation, and his preaching. In addition to serving many rural churches, the author, Dr. Edward K. Ziegler, has lectured on and taught this subject. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

Curtis L. Guess Licensed By Concord Church



REV. CURTIS LEE GUESS

Curtis Lee Guess was recently licensed to preach the gospel by the Concord Church in Choctaw County.

Mr. Guess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Guess of Ackerman. He is one of several young people of Concord Church who have surrendered for full-time Christian service during the past three years.

Rev. W. E. Palmer is the pastor.

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In order to begin definite planning toward the remodeling of the main church building, including the auditorium, the Houston Church has elected the following to serve on a building committee:

J. C. Paden, C. R. Johnson, Sr., Elkin Denny, Mrs. A. C. George, and Mrs. B. E. Moore. It is hoped that work can begin within the next few months.

Galatians is one of the greatest of Paul's Letters. Martin Luther said of it: "The Epistle to the Galatians is my epistle. I have bettowed myself to it." Another writer said: "It has done more than any other book of the New Testament for the emancipation of Christianity, not only from the yoke of Judaism, but from every other form of externalism that has ever threatened the freedom and spirituality of the Gospel." Farrar said: The words scrawled on those few sheets of paper were destined to wake echoes which have lived, and shall live forever and ever—they were the Magna Charta of spiritual emancipation." It is a book proclaiming freedom through faith in Jesus Christ. BY FAITH ALONE is a study guide for Galatians for the Adult Bible Class. It is one of Series 100 in the study of the books of the Bible Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis 18, Missouri, for \$2.50.

THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE, 509-page volume by Dr. George Sayles Bishop, presents a series of 36 messages on such themes as: Difficulty in the Bible, The Atonement, A Plea for Revival, Grace and Works. Bishop was strongly influenced by Augustine, Anselm and Calvin. He was a great admirer of Charles H. Spurgeon, Caesar Malan, Robert Murray Mc-Cheyne and the Scottish pulpit. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan for \$3.95.

Rev. John E. Dent, pastor of Calvary Church, Mississippi Association, has resigned in order to become pastor of Northside Church, Andalusia, Ala., effective June 1. The work at Calvary has shown considerable growth during the 17 months of his ministry. The building is nearly complete.

A recent dispatch from Paris says that 60 per cent of the inmates of French mental hospitals are confined because of alcoholic indulgence. This report comes from Socialist Deputy Dr. Marcel Guislain. The consumption of alcohol by the average Frenchman today is over seven times that of the United States per capita. Fifty per cent of all arrests for law-breaking are attributed to conditions surrounding the use of alcoholic drinks, and 75 per cent of the juvenile delinquency in France is ascribed to this cause. In our own country it is now admitted that 40 to 60 per cent of our annual motor toll of 40,000 dead and 1,500,000 injured is to be attributed to intoxication.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Bible will find satisfaction in using the **DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE** by John D. Davis, in its Fourth Revised Edition. A product of 20th century scholarship, this volume shows the deepest reverence for the Bible as the Word of God. Well-organized and written in clear and understandable language, it gives full information on any Bible character you have in mind, such as David or Ahithophel; it has thirteen pages about the life of Paul; it gives the modern equivalent of such terms as "ephah"; it gives a full development of the Canon and the Versions of the Bible; it explains such terms as "phylactery" and "blasphemy"; it discusses in detail every book of the Bible; it describes the "Valley of Hinnom." It seeks to give a thorough acquaintance with all things Biblical. For \$5.95 order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary appointee for Argentina who has been in language school in Costa Rica, has returned to the States on sick leave and may be addressed at 1520 South Main St., Greenwood, S. C. Mr. Glaze has remained in language school; his address is Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. He is a native of Dio, Miss., and he and Mrs. Glaze make their permanent American home in Pelahatchie.

For \$1.75 PRAYER MEETING TALKS AND OUTLINES may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. The book is filled with suggestions and materials for the preparation of talks for prayer meetings, chapel exercises, devotionals, and like occasions. Each unit presents a meaningful topic, a talk and outline, appropriate hymn suggestions, Scripture texts, select quotations and poetry. This volume, seventh in the **MINISTER'S HANDBOOK SERIES**, includes contributions from the writings of Charles Sim-eon, David Thomas, Charles H. Spurgeon, F. B. Meyer, and other sermon masters.

Mr. and Mrs. David N. Mayhall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their field of service and may be addressed at Baptist College, Iwo, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Mayhall is a native of Liberty, Miss., and Mrs. Mayhall, the former Ollie Mae Ware, is a native of Simpson county, Miss.

Between 1651 and 1735 three generations of Wesleys attended Oxford University. In the fifteen years that John Wesley spent there he matured from a young college man to a tutor deeply concerned with the devotional traditions of the church of England and seeking methods by which he could deepen his own religious experience. At sixty-nine he wrote "Let me again be an Oxford Methodist. Then I did walk closely with God and redeem the time." Dr. Paul F. Douglass in **Wesleys At Oxford** gives with rich biographical detail the religious methods that the young university men worked out to strengthen their own spiritual lives. He tells the story of the loves, and prayers, and family unity of British clergymen at Christ Church, Oxford. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Bryn Mawr Press, Box 532, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, for \$2.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, missionaries to Uruguay, South America, are home on furlough. They will be available for speaking engagements during June and may be reached at Wesson or c-o the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson.

Any child will love the colorful illustrations, the glossy cover, and the beautifully worded prayers in **A CHILD'S GARDEN OF PRAYER**. This little book was compiled and adapted by H. W. Grockel and E. J. Saleska and illustrated by Otto Keisker. These prayers of thanksgiving, of love for others and for Jesus will be a help in teaching the child the meaning of prayer. Delight your child's heart. For only 35 cents order a **CHILD'S GARDEN OF PRAYER** from the Baptist Book Store or from Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Brief bits of poetry and occasional drawings in black and white by Matt Tolbert make an attractive book of **THIS IS YOUR JOB** by Robert J. Wise. Mr. Wise, a Presbyterian minister and a native of Scotland in this director book points out that man should love his neighbor on Monday as well as on Sunday, that he should love him at work as well as at church. He points out that by "loving one's fellow man, the Carpenter of Nazareth meant not rushing up and embracing the other fellow but giving him some of the breaks." He says that "we appear to have forgotten that we are only partners and that God is the Senior Partner—and that we have taken over the job of running the plant to suit ourselves. . . . Man is to be the finished product of the work of the world—not things." Mr. Wise firmly believes that man must accept his spiritual responsibility "at work." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., New York, for \$1.50.

We Don't Understand This

BY H. H. SMITH

He was a well-known citizen of his county, a man of fine business ability and perhaps the wealthiest man in that section of the country. He was a member of the official board of his church, a regular attendant and communicant and apparently interested in the program of the church. As the years passed his riches increased, but it seemed difficult for him to understand the meaning of Christian stewardship; his duty and privilege of using a liberal portion of his possessions to promote the kingdom of God on earth. Once when the church made a special effort to extend its missionary work, and asked each church to raise a "Special For Missions," after hearing an earnest plea for this cause he subscribed five dollars. His disappointed pastor made several visits to his home and begged him that he use a liberal portion of his wealth to send the gospel to those who have it not; he finally decided to give \$100. His fellow church members thought the pastor had wrought a miracle in getting \$100 for missions from this rich brother. When he died, a few years later, it was reported that he left an estate of not less than a half million dollars; but if the church or any charitable institutions benefited from his will, his former pastor never heard of it.

We don't understand this.

Another case: He was rated a millionaire, a regular attendant and official member of his church and apparently interested in its program. His pastors were usually men of ability and he had heard many strong sermons on the Christian's duty and privilege of sending the gospel to those in non-Christian lands; but when the annual offering for missions was taken, this brother, whose check for a "thousand thousand dollars" (that's a million) would be honored at any bank, expressed his interest in the evangelization of the world by subscribing eighty dollars.

We don't understand this.

Another case: He was a highly educated man, a life-long member of the church and a faithful attendant upon the services of the sanctuary. Through all his life God had blessed him in giving him health and the ability to acquire considerable wealth. During his life he heard many strong sermons on Christian stewardship, but they never seemed to reach his conscience. As his wealth increased he grasped it more tenaciously. Every communion day he went forward, communed and left an offering, as did other communicants, but his offering was seldom more than a nickel. When he passed on, his estate was valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars. Although he saw his own church in desperate need of funds for a new building, and was well aware of the financial needs of our colleges, orphanages and other institutions, it was authentically reported that he left not a penny for any of these causes, or for any charitable objects.

We Understand This

She was a devout member of the church and an active church work-

Please Pray For

By DR. DICK H. HALL, JR.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Hall is a Mississippian and a native of New Albany.)

The other day I was invited to lead the devotional at 10 o'clock at our Southern Baptist Radio Center which is located on the near side to Decatur in Atlanta, Georgia. There were some 22 of us gathered into a large upper room. They told me that I was to sit behind the office desk.

Immediately I sensed an atmosphere of worship and harmony. To begin the service, Director Paul M. Stevens asked Mrs. A. L. Cox to read the requests for prayer. Mrs. Cox began reading something like two pages of requests—fifty or more of them, each one asking that we remember some specific need. Parents were asking prayer for children whose homes were unsteady. Family problems of all kinds were mentioned. Prominent, of course, was the problem of liquor. Here was a request from a prisoner who had found Christ during his imprisonment. He wanted strength to live for Jesus. Here were people asking for help in personal difficulties. An unemployed person was asking for prayer that he might find employment. More than one of the requests was that the Lord might give a deeper Christian experience. A nurse asked for prayer that she might be able to lead a very sick patient to Christ. Others were asking that we join in prayer for sick friends. We

er. As a country school teacher, she lived economically on her modest salary, but when a special plea was made in behalf of an orphanage, she contributed her salary check for one month.

We understand this.

Another case: He was a devout Christian and a prosperous business man, though not rated as a man of great wealth. After hearing the cause of foreign missions presented at a missionary conference he became deeply interested and gave \$1200 to send out a missionary. Some weeks later he wrote: "I have been so much blessed by helping to support a missionary that I should like to support another." He finally decided to give \$2000 and send out two more men. "God has prospered me in my business," he said, "and as I extend my business I want to enlarge my co-operation in the propagation of the gospel of Christ."

We understand this.

Another case: He was a prominent professional man and a graduate of a church-supported college. During a long life he was impressed with the good work being done by his alma mater, and through his will he provided for a legacy of more than a half million dollars.

We understand this.

And this: "He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had.'" (Luke, 21:1-4, R. S. V.).

Jesus understood this — and we understand it.



were all sobered by the request from "another victim of cancer."

As Mrs. Cox read these requests giving the names and addresses of those for whom the requests came, I came to understand the work of our Radio Commission in something of a new light. Southern Baptists are dealing, not face to face, but surely in the spirit with human needs. Sometimes people can make their requests better to strangers than to those of personal acquaintance. Here heart hungry people in need of intercession and they had taken seriously the announcement that Southern Baptists were interested in their problems.

During that experience the Radio Commission ceased to be simply an organization to carry out a program and became one representative of the compassion of Southern Baptists for the lonely, longing multitude whose need is so great.

Then I noticed that when he asked that we bow for prayer, Paul Stevens slipped to his knees and led us to the Throne of God in a very sincere prayer of intercession for each of those who had made requests. It was a prayer into which each of us entered with sincere agreement, asking the Lord to minister to these needs to the many who had wanted to ask for prayer but neglected to do it.

I came away feeling that Southern Baptists had somehow entered into many a home and into many a life with the help that God alone can give through His Holy Spirit as we had bowed there to complete the ministry begun with the proclamation of the Gospel through the miracle of radio.

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Six States Adopt Security Plan

DALLAS, Tex. (BP) Six states of the Southern Baptist Convention have adopted the new Ministers Security Plan as two-thirds of their active Ministers Retirement Plan members agreed to transfer into the Ministers Security Plan. Maryland, Washington, D. C., Arizona, Georgia, Arkansas, and Kentucky are the states that have adopted the plan thus far.

Before the plan can be adopted in any state two-thirds of the active members of the Ministers Retirement Plan must agree, with their churches to enter the new plan. No pastor may enter the plan unless his church agrees to enter with him.

Jimmy Made Up His Mind

By J. W. BUCKNER

Jimmy Cowan walked swiftly toward the little red brick church where he would begin his duties as choir director, where, too, his folks had worshiped all his life. This morning he was happier than he had been for a very long time and a load was completely lifted from his mind. God had talked to him very intimately.

Two weeks ago his pastor had approached him about becoming student music director for the church. Jimmy had heard his pastor eagerly and was sure at the time he would take the position.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for you, Jimmy, and you can earn a little while you are doing what you most enjoy." His pastor had explained carefully.

Two days later the director of the leading jazz orchestra of the city approached Jimmy with a similar offer.

"Jimmy, you are the best trombonist in the city. We need you and we're willing to pay what you're worth. How about beginning in two weeks?"

The director of the orchestra had offered Jimmy over two times as much as the little church was able to pay him. Moreover, Jimmy needed almost everything, clothes, shoes, books, money for tuition, and a new horn. His father made a fairly good living but there were six children and it took a lot to go around.

"I'll think it over. I surely could use the money," Jimmy told the director.

"No need to think it over. Ain't you going to school and don't you need the money? Anyway, we just play on Fridays and Saturdays and rehearse on Wednesday nights."

"I'll just have to have some time to think it over," Jimmy said, already feeling conflict in his heart.

"Okay, make up your mind. I'll give you two weeks to get with us."

Jimmy wrestled with the problem almost all week and then mentioned the matter to his parents. His mother was loyal to her church and advised him to take the pastor's suggestion. His father was a casual member and thought it just as well for him to take the orchestra job it paid more and wasn't much work.

Jimmy was so much like his father, blond, six foot, brown eyed, and athletic. Yet, he respected his mother's religion for she always seemed to have most of the piety in the family. Everyone said she did.

He went back to his pastor on Thursday and he was kind and thoughtful.

"Jimmy, this is your decision. I wouldn't force you to do what I want for all the world. Talk to the Lord about it and do what he says."

Thursday night, Jimmy went to see Alice, his girl. They prayed together and the Lord was very close to them. Jimmy felt as though the Lord spoke directly to him. He could feel his presence.

"I think you'll decide to lead our singing. However, it's your decision, yours and the Lord's." Alice had said.

Friday of the last week came

Conference For The Blind To Meet In Memphis

Christian blind people of the states and Canada will assemble in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 2-5 for the second annual meeting of the National Church Conference for the Blind. This annual occasion of Christian fellowship and inspiration is managed under the auspices of THE BRAILLE EVANGEL, Inc., Fort Worth, Edwin Wilson, Executive Director.

The meeting is open to Christian blind people of Protestant faith. Seeing friends are welcomed as travel companions to blind individuals who must travel long distances to attend the Conference. (Any blind person can purchase two tickets on train or bus for himself and traveling companion at the price of one fare, under special arrangements.)

For further information on arrangements and plans for the Conference by writing Edwin Wilson, Editor, The Braille Evangel, Box 6999, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth, Texas.

The N.C.C.B. program will consist of seven sessions of preaching, singing, and forum discussions. The object of the Conference is to voice the particular needs of visually handicapped people in church interests, and to engage constructive plans for meeting these needs.

THE BRAILLE EVANGEL, Inc., Fort Worth, is a Baptist publishing agency for the blind. This Christian literary ministry was founded in 1946 by Edwin Wilson, a blind student then at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. The agency was started and has continued as a ministry of faith, depending on volunteer support. It is serving an audience of 8,000 blind people in all our states and 40 foreign countries through seven areas of work, with an annual budget of \$20,000.

and Jimmy had not yet gotten the Lord's word, though prayer was easy and sweet. In the afternoon, he went to the hall where they practiced for the dances, just took his horn along in case. The boys were rude, vulgar, and they said some things very uncomplimentary about the church. He had never seen some of the boys at church. He did not practice, just walked away, a bit sick at heart.

That night, he went to his little church and walked in at the side door, the one that led right up to the pulpit. He knelt. God was there, all around him. Jimmy could feel his presence, almost hear his voice. There was peace in God's house. He didn't pray much, just listened to God through the sacred stillness.

Then, as real as though he had heard a voice, God said, "Jimmy, I'll meet you here every time you rise to lead my people."

The choir was already assembled Sunday morning when Jimmy met the pastor at the door of the choir room.

"I knew you would come through. A man of God always does."

The pastor's handshake was firm and the gleam in his eyes showed that he knew of the struggle and had prayed over it too.